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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS	2
2 HOUSTON DIVISION 3 MARK FLORA, *	3 WITNESS: RALPH LAGARDE, JR.
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5 VS. * CIVIL ACTION NO.	
* 4:19-CV-2328	
6 TRANSOCEAN DRILLING (USA), INC. *	7 11:10 a.m 12:03 p.m.
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13 ORAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF RALPH LAGARDE, JR.,	17
14 CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR GULF LOGISTICS OPERATING,	
15 LLC, produced as a witness at the instance of the	18 * * * * * *
16 PLAINTIFF, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled	19
17 and numbered cause on the 17th of March, 2021, from	20
18 11:10 a.m. to 3:19 p.m. before Debbie Boothe, CSR, in	
19 and for the State of Texas, reported by machine	21
20 shorthand remotely via LegalView/Zoom from my residence	22
21 in Houston, Texas, with the witness located in	23
22 Lafayette, Louisiana, pursuant to the Federal Rules of23 Civil Procedure, the 36th Emergency Order regarding the	
24 COVID-19 State of Disaster, and the provisions stated in	24
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2 NUMBER DESCRIPTION PAGE	2 Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The time is about 11:10 a.m.
3 Exhibit 5 Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc.	3 We are now on the record. Beginning Take 1.
4 Safety and Environmental Management	4 THE REPORTER: This deposition of
5 System Manual, Injury Reporting,	5 Ralph Lagarde, the corporate representative for
6 Investigation & Corrective Action,	6 Gulf Logistics Operating, LLC, is being conducted
7 Section 9.2, Pages 2 through 4	7 remotely via LegalView/Zoom.
8 (Bates GLO 00408 - 00410) 90	8 The witness is located in Lafayette,
9 Exhibit 6 Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc.	9 Louisiana. My name is Debbie Boothe, CSR Number 4708,
10 Safety and Environmental Management	10 and I am reporting this deposition remotely from my
11 System Manual, Vessel Master	11 residence in Houston, Texas.
12 Responsibilities and Authorities,	12 Will Counsel state their appearances on the
13 Section 5.0, Page 1	13 record and where they are located, and then I will swear
14 (Bates GLO 00317 - 00319) 97	14 in the witness.
15 Exhibit 7 Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc.	15 MR. SHEPPARD: Daniel Sheppard for the
16 Safety and Environmental Management	16 Plaintiff. I'm located in Houston, Texas, at
17 System Manual, Master's Management	17 5151 San Felipe Street, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77056.
18 Review, Section 5.1, Pages 1 through 9	18 MR. DAVIS: John Davis for Grand Isle
19 (Bates GLO 00321 - 00329) 99	19 Shipyard, LLC. My offices are at 1177 West Loop South,
20 Exhibit 8 Gulf Logistics Operating, LLC's	20 Tenth Floor, Houston, Texas 77027.
21 Objections to Plaintiff's Notice of	21 MR. MECHE: Alan Meche representing
22 Oral and Videotaped Deposition	22 Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc., Gulf Logistics, LLC, and
23 (No Bates Numbers) 115	23 LLOG. And I'm at 2000 Kaliste Saloom Road in Lafayette,
24	24 Louisiana 70508.
25	25
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2 NUMBER DESCRIPTION PAGE	2 CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR
3 Exhibit 9 Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc.	3 GULF LOGISTICS OPERATING, LLC:
4 Incident Report 5/25/17	4 EXAMINATION
5 (No Bate Numbers) 172	5 QUESTIONS BY DANIEL E. SHEPPARD:
6 Exhibit 10 LLOG Incident Reporting Program	6 Q. Mr. Lagarde, could you state your name, please.
7 (Bates GLO 00266 - 00272) 172	7 A. Ralph Lagarde, Jr.
8	8 Q. All right. Is it okay if I call you
9 * * * * *	9 Mr. Lagarde?
10	10 A. That's fine, sir.
11	11 Q. Okay. Mr. Lagarde, have you ever been deposed
12	12 before?
13	13 A. Yes, sir.
14	14 Q. Was that anything in addition to the employment
15	15 case a few years ago where there was a consent decree,
16	16 or is it something else?
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18	17 A. I'm sorry. I didn't understand the question.
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- 1 deposition testimony on behalf of -- and I'm going to
- 2 say GLO. You understand that to mean Gulf Logistics?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. It's just so I have a clear -- I'm going to ask
- 5 the question again because it's clear, and I kind of
- 6 broke myself up. I'm sorry about that. So, actually,
- 7 I'll kind of move forward to something else and come
- 8 back to it.
- 9 Are you familiar generally with the rules
- 10 in depositions?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. So yes and no answers. You can always
- 13 expand if you need to. I'd ask if after I ask a
- 14 question just take a beat. That will help your lawyer
- 15 make an objection if he wants to. And can you -- can
- 16 you help me with that?
- 17 A. Yeah. I'm sorry, what?
- 18 Q. After I ask a question, if you could just take
- 19 a beat. It's going to help your lawyer put in an
- 20 objection if he needs to. Is that okay?
- 21 A. Oh, okay. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Okay. And we'll -- we'll probably do this at
- 23 some point, but let's just try not to talk over one
- 24 another. Can we try to do that?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. Okay. And if I ask you a question and you
- 2 don't understand it, will you stop me so we can work out
- 3 the portion that you don't understand?
- 4 A. Absolutely.
- 5 Q. Okay. And if you don't understand a word that
- 6 I'm using, can you stop me so that we can work -- work
- 7 it out so that, you know, you fully understand the
- 8 question I'm asking?
- 9 A. Yes. So a beat means pause; right?
- 10 Q. Yes, sir.
- 11 If -- doing those things, is that a -- is
- 12 that a fair way to get at your truth? Is there anything
- 13 else that I can do to make this deposition fair for you?
- 14 A. Seems fair.
- 15 Q. Okay. If you need to take a break at any time
- 16 for any reason, even if you need to talk to your lawyer
- 17 or go to the bathroom, please do that. I'd ask if we --
- 18 if we have a question on the table, let's get to that
- 19 first before we take a break. Can we agree on that?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Okay. Now, you had said that you've had your
- 22 deposition taken before. About how many times?
- 23 A. A couple handfuls.
- 24 Q. How big is a handful?
- 25 A. Well, five plus two is ten.

- 1 Q. So about ten times or so?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I --
- 5 Q. And for the -- go ahead. Sorry.
- 6 A. I -- I -- I'm not 100 percent sure. I don't

7 remember.

- 8 Q. Okay. That's not a problem. I'm just trying
- 9 to get a ballpark from you.
- 10 And in those -- in those ten or so cases.
- 11 what percentage of them related to personal injuries?
- 12 A. Majority of them.
- 13 Q. Okay. And of the -- those majority of the
- 14 cases, did they involve injuries that happened on
- 15 vessels or that happened somewhere else?
- 16 A. Mostly vessels.
- 17 Q. Okay. When was the last time that you recall
- 18 testifying on behalf of GLO?
- 19 A. Maybe last year. I don't remember.
- 20 Q. Do you have any recollection of what the matter
- 21 dealt with?
- 22 A. No, sir, I sure don't.
- 23 Q. Okay. Out of the handful of cases that you --
- 24 for the two handfuls of cases that you testified in, can
- 25 you recall any of the details of those cases?

- MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
 - A. I mean, I -- I -- I'd rather you ask me a
 3 specific question about a specific case, and then I can
 - 4 maybe elaborate on that. I mean, today I'm prepared
 - 5 for -- semi-prepared for the Flora case, I mean.
 - 6 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Do you remember the
 - $7\,$ names of the folks that were injured in the cases that
 - 8 you testified in?
 - 9 A. Not right offhand.
 - 10 Q. Okay. Do you remember where the cases were
 - 11 filed? Were they filed in Louisiana? Were they filed
 - 12 in Texas?
 - 13 A. I don't.
 - 14 Q. Okay. I want to be clear about this next
 - 15 question. I don't want to know about content that you
 - 16 may have had in any discussions with your lawyer. All
 - 17 I'm asking you is: Have you had the opportunity to
 - 18 speak to your lawyer about this case?
 - 19 A. Yes, sir.
 - 20 Q. Okay. Have you spoke to him once or more than
 - 21 once?
 - 22 A. More than once.
 - 23 Q. How many times have you spoken with your --
 - 24 with a lawyer in this case?
 - 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.



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- 1 Daniel, do you mean since the inception of
- 2 the case how many times he's talked to me?
- 3 MR. SHEPPARD: In preparation -- I'll ask 4 the question again.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) In preparation of your
- 6 deposition, how many times have you spoken with
 7 Mr. Meche?
- 8 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 9 A. Maybe three or four times.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. When was the first
- 11 time that you recall speaking to Mr. Meche in
- 12 preparation of your deposition?
- 13 A. A couple weeks ago, maybe.
- 14 Q. Okay. Do you recall how long that conversation
- 15 was?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. This -- okay.
- 19 MR. MECHE: No, go ahead and finish your 20 answer.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Go ahead and finish.
- 22 A. This -- this includes emails as well?
- 23 Q. Any sort of communication that you had.
- 24 A. Yes, three or four times.
- 25 Q. Okay. In terms of conversations that you've

- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) There was -- there was a
- 2 document produced to me about 30 minutes ago prior to
- 3 this deposition, the Root Cause Analysis Form. When did
- 4 you discover that document?
- 5 A. Yesterday.
- 6 Q. Yesterday? And when -- did you not look for
- 7 that document before yesterday?
- 8 A. So when looking in our file, the hard file at
- 9 the office, we had it. And we thought we had produced
- 10 it, but it was not in the file -- in the notes that the
- 11 lawyer -- my lawyer and I spoke about. So I said,
- 12 "Well, maybe I'll just bring it today and present it."
- 13 Q. Okay. In addition to that, I think there are
- 14 some witness statements that were produced about a week
- 15 ago. When were those discovered?
- 16 MR. MECHE: Daniel, let me -- let me
- 17 just -- I want to make sure you understand that I'm
- 18 representing Gulf Logistics, but I'm also representing
- 19 LLOG. We received from documents from LLOG. And even
- 20 though they weren't produced to us by Gulf Logistics, in
- 21 an abundance of caution we produced them to you. So I
- 22 just want to make sure you're aware that -- that I'm
- 23 representing three separate companies here.
- So you many want to clarify what you're
- 25 looking for from this particular witness.

- 1 had with Mr. Meche, can you estimate how long you've 2 spoken to him?
- 3 A. Not long.
- 4 Q. Okay. Would it be a few hours or more than a
- 5 few hours?
- 6 A. Less than a few hours.
- 7 Q. Okay. Would that be two or three hours, or how
- 8 many hours would that be?
- 9 A. That's probably close.
- 10 Q. Okay. And in addition to speaking with
- 11 Mr. Meche, have you reviewed any materials, documents,
- 12 discovery responses in preparation of your deposition
- 13 here today?
- 14 A. I re -- I reviewed the file, the case file, the
- 15 deposition notice and a few things that my lawyer -- him16 and I spoke about.
- 17 Q. Okay. Not getting into the content of the
- 18 conversation, were there other -- what are the documents
- 19 that you reviewed?
- 20 A. Basically all of them that were provided to
- 21 you.
- 22 Q. Okay. There are some that were provided to me
- 23 over the past few days. Did you locate those documents
- 24 or did somebody else?
- 25 MR. MECHE: Which documents, Daniel?

- 1 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) There is a Gulf Logistics
- 3 Operating witness report from Bruce Bolt that was
- 4 produced on March 5th of 2021. When was that document
- 5 loc -- when was that document located?
- A. That was -- that was done in -- in the initial7 investigation.
- 8 Q. Okay. So that -- when was that document
- 9 located and -- by you, or by whoever searched for
- 10 documents responsive to our discovery requests?
- 11 A. So the initial file would have been submitted
- 12 to our attorney by -- by Randy Whittaker, our safe --
- 13 he's in safety for Gulf Logistics.
- 14 Q. And that would have been done probably around
- 15 the time that you got the discovery responses -- or the
- 16 discovery requests; right?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. I would assume that it would have18 been after that.
- 19 Q. Okay. I have a SAMM Master Log for the
- 20 MAGGIE A. Do you know which document I'm referring to?
- 21 A. Master Log?
- 22 Q. Yes, sir.
- 23 A. I'm assuming that's the boat logs.
- 24 Q. I'll show you what -- I'll pull it up on the
- 25 screen so you can see it.



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- Q. Okay. And the next -- the next question you
- 2 had was how -- how long the MAGGIE A had been in
 - 3 service?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Since inception, or are you talking about for
 - 6 that particular stint?
 - 7 A. What do you mean by that stint?
 - 8 Q. Well, let me ask: What do you mean by how long
 - 9 the MAGGIE A was in service?
 - 10 A. Okay. So she's a brand -- she was a brand-new
 - 11 boat back in 2017, and LLOG was her first customer that
 - 12 I -- that I remember, and I think that was correct. I
- 13 didn't get the full answer, but she was a brand-new
- 14 boat.
- 15 Q. Okay. And was all the -- was that the first
- 16 trip that the MAGGIE A had, or did they have other
- 17 trips?

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- 18 MR. MECHE: Object to form.
- 19 A. No, it was not their first trip.
 - Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Was -- and I believe
- 21 you said you also spoke with the captain. That would be
- 22 Captain Lester James?
- 23 A. Yes. Lester James and -- and Barry.
- 24 Q. Sorry, can you say that other name?
- 25 A. Barry. You got me on the last name right now.
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- 1 mean, we see each other pretty much at least five days a

A. Well, he's in the same office as me. So I

Q. Okay. When did you speak with Mr. Whittaker?

Are you able to see my screen, sir?

Q. Okay. This is -- just for the record, it's 4 GLO/LLOG 259 through 264 -- or sorry, 257 through 264,

5 and it's titled "SAMM Master Log." Do you see that?

Q. Okay. Are boat logs written down, or are they

Q. Okay. Are the -- is the -- was the MAGGIE A

A. For this particular job, it was electronic.

Q. Okay. Aside from your attorneys, have you

17 spoken to anyone about the case of Mr. Flora's lawsuit?

A. Yes, sir. I spoke to the safety manager. I

Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. What's the name of the

20 spoke to the captain, and I think that's about it, sir.

MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

A. Some are written; some are electronic.

13 all electronic, or do they have written records for

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A. Yes, sir.

A. Yes, sir.

10 all electronic?

14 their boat logs?

22 safety manager?

A. Randy Whittaker.

Q. What is this document?

A. It's their boat log.

- Q. Okay. When did you speak to Mr. Whittaker
- 4 about Mr. Flora's lawsuit?
- 5 A. The last time being probably an hour ago.
- 6 Q. Okay. What did you guys talk about?
- 7 A. We talked about how long did Flora -- how long
- 8 was he assigned to the MAGGIE A, when did the MAGGIE A
- 9 first come out, and I think that's about it.
- 10 Q. How long was Mr. Flora assigned to the
- 11 MAGGIF A?
- A. So from what I gather, just over a month. He 12
- 13 was on the boat; and just over a month, his incident
- 15 Q. Okay. Is there any importance to how long
- 16 Mr. Flora was working aboard the MAGGIE A?
- 17 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 18 A. I was just wondering how long he was there.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. I didn't know if there
- 20 was some importance to the question. Was it just some
- 21 information that you wanted, or is there -- or is there
- 22 some -- some --
- 23 A. Just --
- 24 Q. -- suggestion -- sorry, go ahead.
- 25 A. Just information I wanted.

- 1 I'll think of it in a second.
- Q. Okay. Who's -- who's Barry? 2
- 3 A. He's -- he's another captain that works on that
- 4 boat.
- 5 Q. Okay. Was he on that boat at the time of the
- 6 incident?
- A. No, sir. 7
- Q. Okay. What were you talking to Barry about?
- A. If he -- if he remembered Mark Flora. I mean,
- 10 he was -- he worked with Mark before. So, I mean, he
- 11 knows Mark.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. He answered the phone. I was calling for
- 14 Lester, but he answered the phone.
- Q. Okay. What did -- what did Barry tell you 15
- 16 about Mr. Flora?
- 17 A. He wasn't on the boat with him, but he said he
- 18 remembers him. He worked with him back at Seabulk.
- Q. Okay. 19
- 20 A. I think he even said he knows his uncle.
- 21 Q. Okay. Was there any information that you were
- 22 trying to seek by asking Mr. Barry information about
- 23 Mr. Flora?
- 24 A. No, sir. I was just searching -- just talking
- 25 to him about the case.



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1 Q. Okay. And you spoke to Mr. --

2 Captain Lester James. What did you and Mr. James talk

- 3 about?
- 4 A. We just reviewed what was on the report.
- 5 Q. Which report?
- 6 A. The accident report.
- 7 Q. Okay. There's a few reports in this case. I
- 8 have the -- let's see. I have a -- did you go over the
- 9 LLOG incident reports, or did you just over the GLO
- 10 incident reports?
- 11 A. Just the GLO, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you go over the -- the reports that
- 13 he made or all the reports?
- 14 A. Specifically the one that he made.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you go over the witness statement
- 16 from Bruce Bolt with --
- 17 A. I may --
- 18 Q. -- Captain Lester?
- 19 A. I may have asked him a question about that.
- 20 Q. Okay. What was the question that you asked him
- 21 about that?
- 22 A. I wasn't sure if he -- if he remembers Bruce
- 23 taking the tag lines off Paul; and he was hooking them
- 24 up, according to what he told me.
- 25 Q. Who was hooking them up?

- 1 A. Yes, sir. We would probably have his last
- 2 contact.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 MR. MECHE: Daniel, I'll -- I'll verify
- 5 whether or not Bruce Bolt is employed by the company.
- 6 And if he's not, we will provide you with his last known7 contact info.
- 8 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) If you could do me a favor,
- 10 could you tell me three way -- three things that could
- 11 have been done that would have prevented this accident
- 12 from taking place?
- 13 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 14 A. You -- you want me to list three things?
- 15 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Yes, sir.
- 16 A. Okay. Well, I think he should have -- Mark
- 17 should have called stop work authority. I think he
- 18 should have waited for the tag lines to be placed on the
- 19 lift before he had the -- the headache ball lower that
- 20 rope. And as far as the headache ball, it sounds --
- 21 sounds to me it was off center. So he probably should
- 22 have told the crane operator to recenter it.
- 23 Q. Okay. And these are all things that only Mark
- 24 could have done. Is that something the captain should
- 25 have done, too?

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- 1 A. Bruce was.
- 2 Q. He was hooking the tag lines onto the Conex
- 3 box?

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5 remembered about the case.

A. So -- so he -- he was just telling me what he

- 6 Q. Okay. What did he tell you that he remembered?
- 7 A. Pretty much what his report says.
- 8 Q. Is -- is there anything that you -- that you
- 9 personally remember him saying that's not contained in
- 10 his report?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Aside from speaking to Mr. Whittaker,
- 13 Captain James and Captain Barry, is -- and excluding
- 14 your lawyers, is there anyone else that you've spoken to
- 15 about this case?
- 16 A. None that I remember.
- 17 Q. Okay. Is Captain James still with the company?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Is Bruce Bolt still with the company?
- 20 A. I don't think he is, no.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you have the contact information for
- 22 Mr. Bolt?
- 23 A. I don't with me, no.
- 24 Q. Is that something that the company would have
- 25 in their files?

- 1 A. No. I think Mark was the one communicating 2 with the crane operator as far as the signal goes and 3 his -- his command.
- Q. Okay. And those three things are going to becontained on the -- the Root Cause Analysis that you
- 6 produced today?
- 7 A. I don't know if they are or not.
- 8 Q. Okay. So these are -- these may be new things
- 9 that have been -- that have -- that have come to light
- 10 after the Root Cause Analysis and after the lawsuit;
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. Well, one of the contributing factors
- 14 that I see on the lessons learned form is the vessel
- 15 went up on a swell. You didn't mention that; correct?
- 16 A. Is that what it's on -- is that what's on
- 17 there?
- 18 Q. Yes, sir.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. It's actually the first thing that's listed.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. Okay. Is there a reason you didn't mention
- 23 that?
- 24 A. That's not uncommon, no.
- Q. Okay. But is there a reason that wasn't



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- 1 mentioned in one of the -- one of the things that could
- 2 have prevented this is if the captain had been watching
- 3 the seas and would have been able to stop the work from
- 4 happening whenever --
- 5 A. Sir, then back --
- 6 Q. -- whenever a swell was coming?
- A. Sir, you asked me what I thought, three things,
- 8 and that was -- I told you what I thought. I
- 9 don't think --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. -- the weight of the boat going up and down had
- 12 any bearing.
- 13 Q. Okay. We'll get to a few things later. I just
- 14 wanted to check on that.
- 15 You're the general manager at GLO?
- 16 A. General manager/operations manager, yep.
- 17 Q. Okay. What does the general manager/operations
- 18 manager do?
- 19 A. I oversee the daily operations.
- 20 Q. What does that mean?
- 21 A. Can you be more specific?
- 22 Q. I'm trying to understand what your job entails.
- 23 Would you be able to provide me with some of the things
- 24 that you're responsible for and what ultimately, you
- 25 know, the work it is that you do for GLO?
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- A. Yes, sir. So I oversee the day-to-day
- 2 operations and the general knowledge for the personnel
- 3 department, the safety department, the maintenance
- 4 department, the purchasing department.
- Q. Okay. And what -- when you're overseeing the
- 6 day-to-day operations, what does that mean? Are you
- 7 reviewing reports? Are you conducting post-incident
- 8 safety meetings? What -- what's -- what's sort of
- 9 your -- your role there?
- 10 A. I -- I honestly wish you'd be more specific,
- 11 sir, because my days, it's -- it's involved with a lot
- 12 of things. I mean, it just depends on the day. One day
- 13 I might be helping my personnel manager with a -- with
- 14 an issue or a safety manager with this -- this meeting
- 15 that we're preparing for, or the maintenance department
- 16 coordinating with the sales department about this
- 17 repair, or the purchasing department telling me how much
- 18 money this cost and how versus what it used to cost.
- 19 So, I mean, it's -- it's very involved, sir.
- 20 Q. Okay. Are you in the management level of the
- 21 company?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Okay. So you're not generally going out on
- 24 vessels anymore?
- 25 A. No, sir, I go on vessels.

- Page 27 Q. Okay. Do you go on there to do work, or do you
- 2 go on there to see what operations are being done?
- A. What's your definition of "work"?
- Q. Sure. Do you work as a deckhand?
- 5 A. No, sir.
 - Q. Do you work as captain?
- 7 A. No, sir.
- 8 Q. Do you work as any member of the crew?
- 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 Q. Okay. When you go onto the vessels, what is it
- 11 that you do?
- 12 A. I may be there for a meeting. I may be there
- 13 to check out some work that's going on. I may be
- 14 showing the boat with a customer. It just varies, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. Before you were -- did -- did you ever
- 16 work as a crew member on vessels? I imagine you have.
- 17 A. Not offshore, sir.
- Q. Not offshore? 18
- 19 What sort of vessels did work on?
- 20 A. Growing up, I worked on some tugboats. I did
- 21 some maintenance on some tugboats at the docks.
- 22 Q. Okay. I'm not going to go back too far, but
- 23 how long have you worked as GLO -- at GLO?
- 24 A. It's not quite 20 years. I'd give it 18 or so.
- 25 Q. Okay. When you started out at GLO, what was
- 1 the role that you were placed into?
- A. I came in as safety and then took on the
- 3 responsibility of personnel as well and then eventually
- 4 moved into the operational side of things/general
- 5 manager.
- 6 Q. Okay. When was at the last time you worked on
- 7 a vessel as a crew member, if you -- just ballpark?
- 8 I'm -- I'm sure you won't have an exact date.
- q A. It might have been 18. I don't -- I don't
- 10 know --
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. -- maybe younger.
- 13 Q. How old are you now?
- 14 A. I'll be 53.
- Q. Okay. So we're looking at about probably 15
- 16 35 years ago, more or less?
- 17 A. I guess so.
- 18 Q. All right. I have a question about a few
- 19 documents that we got, and let -- let me know if you
- 20 know what these are. I think it was produced by LLOG.
- 21 Have you seen this cargo manifest?
- 22 A. So I -- I saw a copy of that this morning, and
- 23 that's the first that I saw of that.
- 24 Q. Okay. Is this -- is this something that's
- 25 provided --



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- Page 29 A. So to complete -- but to be honest with you, I
- 2 didn't even read it all. I saw it was a cargo manifest,
- 3 and I'm like, "Okay." I mean, they -- it's not much
- 4 sense to me; but, yeah, that's what that is.
- Q. Okay. Are -- is it -- are cargo manifests,
- 6 if -- would you -- would GLO have been provided with
- 7 this document?
- MR. MECHE: Daniel, I don't know if you can
- 9 hear us, but you're cutting out. We -- and we can't
- 10 hear you.
- 11 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Would GLO have been provided 12
- 13 with a copy of this cargo manifest as part of its -- as
- 14 part of being hired to transport the materials out off
- 15 to the Seadrill?
- 16 A. I'm sure that the -- the captain would have
- 17 receive a copy of that.
- 18 Q. Okay. And this says that this was at the --
- 19 the Fourchon base. Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Okay. I also want to note -- oh, that's why.
- 22 MR. SHEPPARD: And sorry, I'm not -- I'm
- 23 trying to be rude. I have two screens up here. So if
- 24 you see me kind of looking away from the camera, that's
- 25 all I'm doing.

- A. Did you say we would have paid GIS? 2 Q. I'm asking if -- would GLO have had to pay GIS
- 3 to load materials onto the MAGGIE A?
- A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. Who would have had to pay, then?
- 6 A. I don't remember that contract.
- Q. Okay. When materials are loaded on -- onto any
- 8 of GLO's vessels, what -- what sort of processes do you
- 9 have to ensure that the person has the right to load
- 10 those materials on the vessel?
- 11 A. So when we go under contract with a company,
- 12 it's whatever they have contractually drawn up,
- 13 generally with the dock.
- 14 Q. Okay. And generally when -- when there's
- 15 someone at the dock, when you pull into somebody's dock
- to have materials loaded onto a vessel, does the
- 17 material typically get loaded by the owner of the dock?
- 18 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 19 A. I've seen it both ways, sir. I've seen -- I've
- 20 seen my guys assist on our deck with loading the boat,
- 21 rigging.

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- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Uh-huh. 22
- 23 A. We never run the crane, if that's what you're
- 24 asking. That's -- that's dock.
- 25 Q. Okay. And the -- the -- the folks that would

- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) All right. I've pulled up
- 2 what's marked GLO/LLOG 257. It's the SAMM Master Log.
- 3 I see that this is for the 24th of May 2017. And it
- 4 looks like is shows that the vessel goes to the LLOG
- 5 dock in Fourchon, Louisiana. Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Is that dock within any specific facility, or
- 8 does LLOG own all the docks that are in the -- that area
- 9 of Fourchon, Louisiana, or do you know?
- 10 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 11 A. So my understanding, that LLOG was working out
- 12 of the GIS dock in Fourchon. I don't --
- 13 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 14 A. I'm not 100 percent sure there, but that's
- 15 2017. But I think they were GIS at that time.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And -- would it have
- 17 been GIS that performed the loading of the MAGGIE A for
- 18 the materials that were transported out to the Seadrill?
- A. They could have, but it could have been my crew
- 20 as well. I -- I don't know.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is there any way to figure that out?
- 22 A. I don't know. I mean, maybe GIS could -- could
- 23 answer that one.
- Q. Okay. Would -- would Gulf Logistics had to
- 25 have paid GIS to load materials onto its vessel?

- 1 have run the crane to load the MAGGIE A, that would have 2 been GIS?
- A. I don't know who --
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 5 A. I don't know who loaded it.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Okay. Who else would
- 7 have been working the crane at GIS's dock? Do you have
- 8 any idea? 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 MR. DAVIS: Object -- objection, form.
- 11 A. No, sir.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Who would know? 12
- 13 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 14 A. I don't know. Maybe the GIS people, the log 15 people.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) if it -- Okay. Does GLO have
- 17 any log whatsoever regarding when there was a crane
- 18 operation loading materials onto it's vessels?
- 19 A. If it -- if -- if they do, it would on the --
- 20 on the -- on the Master Log; but, I mean, maybe not.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is that something that is typically put
- 22 down on the Master Log? 23 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 24 A. Not if it's load or unloading.
- MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I'd like to go 25

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- 1 through this again and understand what this -- all
- 2 means. So I'm pulling up the Master Log for the
- 3 MAGGIE A again.
- 4 And I'm -- I'm going to mark this as an
- 5 Exhibit 1 to the deposition. It will be GLO 257 through
- 6 264. Oh, it's not open.
- 7 (Exhibit 1 marked.)
- 8 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) In this corner here, they --
- 9 they have an area where they put remarks, and it says,
- 10 "3Lifts, 0Lifts." Can you explain what that means?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Who would know what that means?
- 13 A. Ask the customer. I -- I don't review the
- 14 logs.
- 15 Q. Right. This is a GLO log. Do you know -- GLO
- 16 completed this log; correct?
- 17 A. Right. But, I mean, as far as the lifts and
- 18 stuff goes, I mean, that's -- it's not something that we
- 19 really track that much as far as, you know, like -- for
- 20 routine stuff like that, no.
- 21 Q. What does it mean when it says "3Lifts" or
- 22 "0Lifts"?
- 23 A. I don't know. I didn't make that remark.
- 24 Q. Okay. So the captain would be the person to
- 25 ask?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And that would be either Lester James or
- 3 Jody Manuel?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. On this next one, it's GLO/LLOG 259.
- 6 It's for the 25th of May 2017. It says, "With 19 lifts
- 7 and 5 passengers" in the "Remarks" section for the
- 8 second activity on here. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes, sir. The same boxes you showed me
- 10 earlier?
- 11 Q. Yes, sir.
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. It now says "with five passengers." Do you
- 14 know what that means?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. What does that mean?
- 17 A. They were carrying passengers.
- 18 Q. Okay. So the -- they were passengers aboard
- 19 the MAGGIE A that day?
- 20 A. Additional to the crew.
- 21 Q. Okay. They don't appear to be listed on here.
- 22 Do you know who they are?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- Q. Were they passengers going out to Seadrill or
- 25 were they -- what were -- what -- well, I'm sorry.

- 1 Strike that.
- What was the purpose of the passengers
- 3 being aboard the MAGGIE A on May 25, 2017?
- 4 A. That was the customer's orders. And that's
- 5 part of our job, is to bring crew and -- and cargo out.
- 6 Q. Okay. When people get onboard GLO vessels, do
- 7 you keep any records of who they are?
- 8 A. Yes, sir. So they would have signed the9 manifest.
- 10 Q. Okay. And I see that there was another two
- 11 lifts and five passengers a little bit later, at 9:30.
- 12 Was that -- do you know if that's an additional five
- 13 passengers or it's the same five passengers?
- 14 A. I -- I don't know.
- 15 Q. Okay. How many -- are you aware of how many
- 16 sleeping quarters there are aboard the MAGGIE A?
- 17 A. The MAGGIE A probably has probably five bunk
- 18 rooms. I don't know for sure.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I'd have to look at the spec sheets.
- 21 Q. Would there be enough for there to be two
- 22 captains, four deckhands and five passengers?
- 23 A. So those passengers wasn't going aboard to
- 24 sleep. They were just going aboard to be transported,
- 25 and there's a passenger's quarter -- there's a passenger
- 1 quarter in that boat.
 - 2 Q. Okay. How large is the --
 - 3 A. Passenger seat --
 - 4 Q. -- passenger quarter?
 - 5 A. Seating. It's -- oh, God, you're asking me. I
 - 6 don't know the -- the square footage, but I can get you
 - 7 the amount of seating that they have and the
 - 8 Coast Guard-regulated amount of people that they can
 - 9 carry if you'd like.
 - 10 Q. Okay. And on the 26th, GLO/LLOG 261, the
 - 11 fourth item on the LLOG says "Lifeboat." Do you know
 - 12 what that means?
 - 13 A. What are you saying it says, lifeboat? Okay.
 - 14 I see that.
 - 15 Q. I'll zoom in for you. That's easier.
 - 16 A. They may have carried out a lifeboat.
 - 17 Q. Okay. Is there any reason why these -- why we
 - 18 don't have detailed remarks in these blanks?
 - 19 A. It's not required.
 - 20 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that if there
 - 21 was more detail in these blanks we would know precisely
 - 22 what the remarks were that were being made?
 - 23 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
 - 24 A. I've never had -- had an issue with it before,
 - 25 sir.



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 1 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. But you agree with me
- 2 that you don't what many of these remarks mean; correct?
- 3 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 4 A. No, I'm not going to say I agree with you,
- 5 but...
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. We'll go through the7 remarks, then.
- 8 When it says, "With 6 Lifts" -- or
- 9 "W 6 lifts," what does that mean?
- 10 A. There's six lifts on the back deck.
- 11 Q. Okay. And where are those going?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Okay. Where do they come from?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Who put them on the boat?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. Do you keep -- and you-all don't keep any of
- 18 those records?
- 19 A. I'm not looking at the log right now; but, no,
- 20 I don't. I mean --
- 21 Q. You're saying as a company --
- 22 A. They load it up, and we'll load it out at the
- 23 Grand Isle Shipyard dock, and then they would have
- 24 brought it out to whatever location the customer wanted
- 25 us to bring it to. Now, I mean, that's -- that's --

- 1 ultimately would the captain make the decision where it
- -
- 2 goes?
- 3 A. So when he's loading his boat, he's taking a
- 4 lot of things into consideration, the weight of the --
- 5 the cargo, where's it going to sit on the boat, how is
- 6 it going to be -- you know, there's just some things
- 7 that he's got to take into consideration. And that's
- 8 what he's thinking about when asked about, "What do you
- 9 think about this load," and this, that and the other.
- 10 Now, a lot of it becomes standard because
- 11 they see a lot of the same things over and over, grocery
- 12 boxes, cutting boxes. I mean, a lot of it becomes
- 13 standard, but he does get a chance to take a look at the
- 14 manifest and have -- and should have input.
- 15 Q. Okay. And -- but the master ultimately is
- 16 controlled -- controls where things go on the vessel;
- 17 correct?
- 18 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 19 A. He has a say on where things go.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Can I put something on
- 21 the vessel -- let's say I'm -- I'm putting a Conex box
- 22 onto the vessel. Can I override the master and put it
- 23 where I want, or does he get to tell me where it goes?
- 24 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 25 A. At the end of the day, the master can say where

- 1 that's -- that's the gist of our job. We do what the
- 2 customer says within our guidelines.
- 3 Q. Got you.
- 4 But nowhere in your guidelines is it like
- 5 you were going to operate the crane to load the -- the
- 6 boxes and the -- the grocery boxes, the Conex boxes onto
- 7 the vessel; correct?
- 8 A. No, sir. We don't run cranes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And do you tell the crane operator where
- 10 to put the Conex boxes, or is that the decision that
- 11 they make entirely themselves?
- 12 A. The captain is -- takes part in where these
- 13 lifts go.
- 14 Q. Okay. So the captain makes the decision on
- 15 where on the deck the lifts are going to be placed?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay. And in that case, that would have been
- 18 either Captain Lester James or Captain Manuel -- or
- 19 Jody Manuel?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. They would have had input on where the cargo
- 23 would have been placed.
- Q. Okay. Could the cargo have been placed
- 25 anywhere that the crane operator wanted to place it, or

- 1 the lift goes.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 3 A. If there's a discussion.
- 4 Q. And ultimately it is -- it is the master's
- 5 responsibility and ultimately his decision as to where
- 6 something will be placed on the deck of the vessels that
- 7 he is the master of?
- 8 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. Asked and
- 9 answered.
- 10 A. Yes. And that's all in accordance to where he
- 11 thinks it's needed.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. I just have a few
- 13 questions about Mr. Flora. Did you know him personally?
- 14 A. Not really.
- 15 Q. Okay. Had you ever met him before?
- 16 A. Man, I -- if he walked in the room, I don't
- 17 think I could pick him out.
- 18 Q. Okay. In your discussions with folks in
- 19 getting prepared for this deposition, is there anything
- 20 that you learned about Mr. Flora?
- 21 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 22 A. I mean, can you be specific about what I
- 23 learned?
- 24 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sure.
- 25 As -- as you were preparing for your

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- 1 deposition, did you learn anything about Mr. Flora's
- 2 work ethic?
- 3 A. No, sir.
- 4 Q. Did you learn anything about him being an
- 5 unsafe worker?
- 6 A. No. But what was reminded to me is the fact
- 7 this guy has got -- he had -- he had a 1,600-ton
- 8 license. A very experienced seaman.
- 9 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I object to
- 10 everything after "No" as nonresponsive.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Did you learn of anything
- 12 that would make you think that Mr. Flora isn't a
- 13 truthful person?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. Were you made aware of any problems that other
- 16 workers had with Mr. Flora?
- 17 A. Looking through his personnel file, I saw there
- 18 was a disciplinary form; but, I mean, noth -- nothing
- 19 really jumped out at me.
- 20 Q. Do you remember what that disciplinary form was
- 21 for?

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- 22 A. If I remember correctly, it was about some
- 23 dirty dishes left in the sink.
- 24 Q. Okay. Is that a -- a large infraction or a
- 25 minor infraction?

- 1 has received verbal counseling but continues to
- 2 disregard or acknowledge problems"; correct?
- 3 A. Okay.
 - Q. Is that -- is that a true statement?
- 5 A. Are you referring to the disciplinary report?
- Q. I'm referring to your SEMS manual, and I'll
- 7 point you to the particular passage.
- 8 MR. SHEPPARD: All right. I'll mark this
- 9 as Exhibit 2. It's going to be GLO 340. Alan, if you
- 10 need a second to get there, let me know.
- 11 MR. MECHE: Yeah, give me just one second.
- 12 You said 340?
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: Yep. I'm going to pop it on
- 14 the screen for you.
- 15 MR. MECHE: Okay. Thank you.
- 16 MR. SHEPPARD: You're welcome.
- 17 I'm actually going to start at 339 and then
- 18 go to 340. I want him to have the whole thing in
- 19 context. So Exhibit 2 will be GLO 339 and 340.
 - (Exhibit 2 marked.)
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you see that on your
- 22 screen, sir?

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- 23 A. Yep.
- 24 Q. Okay. It's for disciplinary action? Do you
- 25 see that, Section 2.9?

- A. In my opinion, minor.
- Q. Okay. It doesn't have to deal with him workingunsafely or not following the rules; right?
- 4 A. I wasn't there. So, I mean, I hate to comment
- 5 on either way as far as that goes. But I mean, look, it
- 6 might have been something routinely he'd been doing. I
- 7 don't know. That's all I saw in his file.
- 8 Q. Did you talk to Captain James about it?
- 9 A. No, I didn't.
- 10 Q. Okay. Aside from the -- the write-up for not
- 11 cleaning his -- cleaning dishes, are you aware of any
- 12 other infractions Mr. Flora may have committed while he
- 13 was working for GLO?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 MR. MECHE: Daniel, when you get a good
- 17 stopping point, can we take a short five-minute bathroom
- 18 break?
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure. I just have a few
- 20 more questions with Flora then. It shouldn't take long
- 21 at all.
- 22 MR. MECHE: Sure.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. One of the rules that
- 24 GLO has is that, "Written communication (email or other
- 25 means) to the home office is required when an employee

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. And there's a highlighted section on
- 3 the -- beginning at the third paragraph. Do you see
- 4 that?
- 5 A. So after "told" is there anything more to the
- 6 right?
- 7 MR. MECHE: It's cut off because of the
- 8 video screen.
- 9 Daniel, if you want, I can show him a hard
- 10 copy I have with me.
- 11 MR. SHEPPARD: Let's see if I can zoom in.
- 12 Maybe that will be help.
- 13 MR. MECHE: Or if you can just shift it
- 14 over to the left. You'll have to go -- yeah, there we
- 15 go. Just shift the whole thing over to the left, and
- 16 we'll be able to see all of it.
- 17 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I'll try to do that.
- 18 Let's see. Are you able to see it? I can see it on
- 19 my -- my screen.
- 20 MR. MECHE: No. What -- what's happening
- 21 is as you're shifting it, it -- it magnifies and more of
- 22 it gets cut off. Again, I've got a copy I can show the
- 23 witness.
- 24 MR. SHEPPARD: I can zoom out if --
- 25 whatever works.



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- 1 THE WITNESS: Go back up one.
- 2 MR. MECHE: There we go, right there.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you need me to move the
- 4 screen, or do anything on the screen, sir?
- 5 A. No. I'm actually reading right now.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. (Reading document.)
- 8 Okay. So do I read -- keep reading below
- 9 that as well?
- 10 Q. Sure.
- 11 A. (Reading document.) Okay.
- 12 Q. Okay. I guess you'd agree with me that "No
- 13 employee can know that expectations are not being met,
- 14 unless told to do by their supervisor"; right?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. And one of the rules that GLO has is
- 17 they need to provide "Written communication (email or
- 18 other means) to the home office when an employee has
- 19 received verbal counseling but continues to disregard or
- 20 acknowledge problems"; correct?
- 21 A. Okay. Yeah.
- 22 Q. Is that GLO's policy?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And the only -- the only written
- 25 communication that we have demonstrating that Mr. Flora

- 1 A. Yes. If you continually have a problem with an
- 2 employee or any kind of problem, you should report it to
- 3 the office.
- 4 Q. Okay. And there's no other evidence of
- 5 problems involving Mr. Flora contained in his personnel
- 6 file or any of the documents that GLO has?
- 7 A. None that I'm aware of.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 MR. SHEPPARD: Why don't we take a little
- 10 break if you need to.
- 11 MR. MECHE: All right. Just five minutes,
- 12 if you don't mind.
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure.
- 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at
- 15 12:03 p.m. Ending Take 1.
- 16 (Recess from 12:03 p.m. to 12:13 p.m.)
 - THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now back on the
- 18 record at 12:13 p.m. Starting Take 2.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) All right. Mr. Lagarde, we
- 20 are coming back from a break. Again, without getting
- 21 into the content, did you have an opportunity to speak
- 22 to your lawyer?

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- 23 A. Briefly. I went to the bathroom. He did the
- 24 same. We got water.
- Q. Okay. Are there any answers that you've given

- 1 had exhibited any sort of problems involved the cleaning
- 2 of dishes; correct?
- 3 A. So -- so, I mean, I kind of read that a little
- 4 differently than what you're thinking, I think, is that,
- 5 you know, Lester being his supervisor on the boat -- if
- 6 you're assuming it's Lester -- is that he may have -- he
- 7 may have warned him a few times and then finally wrote
- 8 him up on a hard copy and submitted that to the office.
- 9 Now, to me that's -- that's -- that's what you do.
- 10 Q. Okay. What I'm saying is if -- if Mr. Flora
- 11 had been disre -- continued to disregard problems after
- 12 he received a verbal warning there should be something
- 13 written down to that effect; correct?
- 14 A. And it was -- it was submitted, apparently.
- 15 Q. Yes. Just for the dishes; right?
- 16 A. That's what I saw.
- 17 Q. Okay. If there was something else out there
- 18 that Mr. Flora was disregarding, that should have been
- 19 written down; correct?
- 20 A. It might -- may or may -- it may have not been
- 21 reported. I don't know. I mean, I don't know of any 22 other.
- 23 Q. Okay. I understand that it may not have been
- 24 reported. What I'm saying, that it is GLO's policy that
- 25 it should have been reported; correct?

- 1 today that you'd like to change, modify or extend upon?
- 2 A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. I'd like you to, if you know, generally
- 4 walk me through the process of how Conex boxes are
- 5 loaded onto GLO vessels.
- 6 A. I don't know. I don't -- I don't load boats.
- 7 Q. Okay. Who would know how that's generally
- 8 done?
- 9 A. Well, I mean, I could give you the general idea
- 10 of what I think.
- 11 Q. Sure. Go for it.
- 12 A. Okay. Well, a crane either takes it off of a
- 13 truck or a dock and puts it on the back deck.
- 14 Q. Okay. And when that's happening, is there
- 15 communication between GLO crew members, GLO's master and
- 16 the crane operator?
- 17 A. There's going to be communication between the
- 18 crane operator and probably whoever is rigging at that
- 19 point.
- 20 Q. Okay. Is the master watching the -- the
- 21 operation that's taking place, or who's standing watch?
- 22 A. I don't know, I mean --
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. -- specific. I mean, he would have had some --
- 25 some input on where he would think -- he would want

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1 things put.

- 2 Q. Who would be able to answer my last question as
- 3 to whether or not the master would be watching the
- 4 operation?
- 5 A. You'd have to ask -- I mean, for what
- 6 specific -- that night? I mean, where we at here? I
- 7 mean, is it general you're asking me if -- if they're
- 8 supposed to watch the load-out?
- 9 Q. If there's a crane operation taking place
- 10 onboard of one of GLO's vessels where materials are
- 11 being loaded onto GLO vessels, is the master or anyone
- 12 else supervising that?
- 13 A. Well, it depends on who's -- who's doing the
- 14 rigging on the back deck. If it's our riggers, then,
- 15 yes, our guys would be out there. Everybody knows at
- 16 this point where the -- where the lifts are going.
- 17 Okay? Now, at the dock, a lot of times the dock hands
- 18 load the boat. So that communication on where things
- 19 were put would have been had, and now they're loading
- 20 the boat. My guys would have taken -- my riggers will
- 21 come out and help if -- if needed. They'll make their
- 22 walk-around, make sure everything is binded down before
- 23 navigation.
- 24 Q. Okay. Are the riggers shoreside personnel, or
- 25 are they crew members?

- 1 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 2 A. So on the MAGGIE A at that time for this job,
- 3 it was -- it was all employees of Gulf Logistics. Now,
- 4 at the dock, I don't know who loaded the boat.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. When you say that it
- 6 was all employees of Gulf Logistics, what do you mean?
- 7 What was all employees of Gulf Logistics?
- 8 A. I had six -- I had six guys on that boat, two
- 9 captains and four deckhands.
- 10 Q. Uh-huh.
- 11 A. All six are rigger certified.
- 12 Q. Okay. So the folks that were doing the rigging
- 13 would be the captains and the deckhands?
- 14 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. Asked and
- 15 answered.
- 16 A. I don't know who was doing the rigging.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Who would know who --
- 18 who was doing the rigging?
- 19 A. That night?
- 20 Q. Yes, sir.
- 21 A. You'd have to ask the crew or the dock. I --
- 22 I -- I wasn't there.
- 23 Q. Who at GLO, if anyone, would know -- would --
- 24 or sorry. Would the captains who were aboard the
- 25 MAGGIE A know who did the rigging?

- 1 A. It's possible, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. Does GLO maintain any sort of log for
- 3 this particular event?
- 4 A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm sorry for my density. I just -- I'm
- 6 trying to make sure I understand it completely.
- 7 A. It's all good.
- 8 Q. If there is -- if there's rigging being done on
- 9 the vessel, the rigging itself was done by GLO
- 10 employees; correct?
- 11 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 12 A. That's not what I said.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. That's why I'm trying
- 14 to make sure I'm -- I'm getting it right.
- 15 A. What I'm telling you is that all six of my guys
- 16 are rigger-certified onboard. Okay? I don't know if
- 17 they were the ones who loaded the boat at the dock that
- 18 night. It could have been the dock crew. That's what
- 19 I'm telling you, most of the time -- most of the time
- 20 you have a dock crew that will come on and load the
- 21 boat. Okay?
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. But, again, that's not saying that my guys
- 24 aren't out there helping them, securing things down,
- 25 making sure everything is good.

- 1 Q. Okay. And then if it's the -- if -- if, let's
- 2 say, a dock crew goes out there and they're the ones who
- 3 load the boat, or load the vessel, do crew members and
- 4 the master kind of do -- do they check the work and make
- 5 sure that everything is on par with GLO's safety
- 6 requirements?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And would that --
- 10 would that you include making sure that everything is
- 11 tied down appropriately?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. One of those -- when
- 15 a -- when the vessel is transporting the -- the Conex
- 16 boxes or other materials and it's tied down, that's to
- 17 prevent the materials from moving or shifting during
- 18 transit; correct?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. In rough weather.
- 20 Q. Okay. Is it still possible for materials to
- 21 shift or move if they're tied down properly?
- 22 A. I would say, yes, that there is a chance that
- 23 something could happen to cause something to shift, yes.
- Q. Okay. Is it going to be a large shift or a
- 25 small shift? Is there any way to figure it out or --



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- 1 I'm wondering is it going to -- is it going to shift
- 2 like a centimeter, or is it going to shift like a foot?
- A. I don't -- I don't even know how to answer
- 4 that. I mean, it could be big; it could be small.
- Q. Okay. When people tie down materials on -- on
- 6 trucks, they tie it down so that -- that things don't
- 7 move --
- A. And then you're telling me that they never move 9 on a truck?
- 10 Q. Not what I'm getting at, sir. I'm just -- I'm
- 11 just kind of framing my question so you understand what
- 12 I'm asking.
- 13 A. Okay.
- Q. When -- when the Conex boxes are tied down, is
- 15 there a tie that goes across it both ways so that it
- 16 prevents it from shifting, going both vertically and
- 17 horizontally across the Conex box so that it doesn't
- 18 shift, you know, port, starboard after -- is there -- is
- 19 that how it's done? How is it secured?
- 20 A. Generally I've seen it side to side.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is there any evidence that GLO has that
- 22 this -- these materials shifted during transit?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. This specific case you're talking about?

- Page 53 A. I don't know how many beds exactly they have on
 - 2 it. But, yeah, there would be bunks in each room, sir.
 - Q. Okay. And on the -- on the Master Log, it
 - 4 shows two captains and four deckhands. Were there any
 - 5 other crew members, like the folks that work in the
 - 6 engine room or anything like that?
 - 7 A. No, sir.
 - Q. Okay. Is a mate a separate position on -- on
 - 9 vessels?
 - 10 A. Yes. A mate can run under a master. But I --
 - 11 I don't hire mates to run our boats --
 - Q. Okay. 12
 - 13 A. -- or we don't.
 - 14 Q. Is there a reason why GLO doesn't hire mates?
 - 15 A. Just never had to.
 - 16 Q. Okay.
 - 17 A. Now I can say that I did one time, but it was
 - 18 if the boat came with it. But, you know, we just never
 - 19 had to. We -- we hire masters.
 - 20 Q. Okay. What does it mean for the -- when --
 - 21 when you said a mate can run under a master, what does
 - 22 that mean?
 - 23 A. So he can't -- you can't have two mates running
 - 24 a 100-ton vessel. You have to have at least one master.
 - 25 A master's license -- master's license is bigger than a

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- Q. Yes, sir.
- 2 A. No, sir.
- Q. So I'll ask the question again since -- since
- 4 you corrected me. And thank you for doing that. It's
- 5 helpful.
- 6 For the purposes of this question, I'm
- 7 going to focus on the materials in the Conex boxes that
- 8 were onboard the MAGGIE A when Mr. Flora was injured.
- Is there any evidence that the materials
- 10 onboard the MAGGIE A when Mr. Flora was injured shifted
- 11 during transit?
- 12 A. None that I'm aware of.
- Q. Okay. And can you remind me how many crew
- 14 quarters there are on the MAGGIE A?
- 15 A. Well, I'd have to pull up the spec sheets to --
- 16 to know for sure; but, I mean, it's probably somewhere
- 17 around five. I don't think the MAGGIE has the crew
- 18 quarters upstairs, so...
- 19 I could pull it up if you'd like or get my
- 20 attorney to send it to you.
- 21 Q. Sure.
- 22 One other general question: If there's
- 23 five crew quarters, would that be bunk beds in each one?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So would there be beds for ten?

1 mate's license.

- Q. Okay. So the master's license cover -- so the
- 3 master's license covers the mate. So the mate could
- 4 perform some of the duties of a master while the other
- 5 one is sleeping, I guess, or is that how it works?
- 6 A. Yes, sir. He could -- he could cover his 7 shift.
- 8 Q. Got you.
- 9 Okay. Ultimately the master is responsible
- 10 for implementing GLO's safety policies onboard their
- 11 vessel; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And the master is responsible for the
- 14 well-being of the vessel, the crew and all others
- 15 onboard the vessel; correct?
- 16 A. Everybody has a take in their responsibility.
- 17 But, yeah, the master, he's -- he's in charge of the --
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. -- day-to-day.
- 20 Q. And he's in charge of the well-being of the
- 21 vessel, the crew and the others onboard the vessel;
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. He -- he's got his hand in that, yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And the master is responsible for the
- 25 safe navigation of the vessel at all times; correct?



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- A. Safe navigation, yeah. And, I mean, the crew
- 2 has a part -- has their part in that as well.
- Q. Okay. Does the crew actually steer the vessel
- 4 in any way?
- 5 A. In some cases.
- 6 Q. Okay. A deckhand is a -- is authorized to
- 7 steer a -- the -- the MAGGIE A under --
- A. In -- in Flora's case, he could have took the
- 9 wheel. Yes. I mean, a captain may step aside for one
- 10 second. "Here, deckhand, hold this wheel for one
- 11 second. I'm right here. I can see what's going on,"
- 12 yeah.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. He'll stay and watch with the captain.
- Q. Okay. But ultimately the master is responsible
- 16 for the safe and economical navigation of the vessel at
- 17 all times: correct?
- 18 A. That's fair.
- 19 Q. Okay. And the master is responsible for the
- 20 condition and stability of the vessel at all times;
- 21 correct?

3 Exhibit 3.

6 screen, sir?

A. I am.

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- 22 A. Everybody has got a responsibility on the boat.
- 23 But, yeah, at the end of day if the vessel is not being

MR. SHEPPARD: All right. I'm going to

Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Are you able to see my

Q. Okay. This comes from Section 5 of GLO's

9 operations manual, Vessel Master Responsibilities and

10 Authorities. Can you read what it says -- read aloud

11 what it says for master's authority I've highlighted in

2 pull up GLO 317, 318, 319, and I'll mark this as

(Exhibit 3 marked.)

- 24 kept up or -- or -- if it's -- yeah, the master
- 25 would be responsible.

- 1 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. Sorry about that.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) There was -- there was a 2
- 3 little technical glitch there, sir. Would you mind
- 4 reading that section again?
- A. "Master shall have the OVERRIDING AUTHORITY and
- 6 RESPONSIBILITY to make decisions with respect to safety
- 7 and pollution preventions, conditions or activities.
- 8 Nothing stated in any agreement, contractual or
- 9 otherwise, shall reduce this authority.
- 10 "The master will set a high standard of
- 11 personal, professional conduct to provide leadership
- 12 onboard the vessel."
- 13 Q. Okay. We talked about this earlier. I
- 14 highlighted in blue and yellow again. One of the
- 15 responsibilities of the master is to monitor the
- 16 condition of stability of the vessel at all times;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And one of the things the master is supposed to
- 20 do is standing a navigation watch; correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. And he's acting as the vessel's safety and
- 23 security officer; correct?
- 24 A. Yes. sir.
- 25 Q. And the vessel master is responsible for

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- 1 implementing the GLO's safety and environmental policies
- 2 onboard; correct?
- 3 A. Yes.

- 4 Q. These are his responsibilities; correct?
- A. Yeah. He's -- it's his responsibility to make
- 6 sure that everyone onboard is onboard.
- Q. Okay. Since the master is responsible for the
- 8 condition and stability of the vessel at all times, that

- 11 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 12 blue. A. "The Master shall have the OVERRIDING AUTHORITY 13
- 14 and RESPONSIBILITY -- (technical difficulty with Zoom,
- 15 no audio) -- "or otherwise, shall reduce the authority.
- 16 The Master will set a high standard of personal,
- 17 professional conduct to provide leadership onboard the
- 18 vessel."
- 19 Q. Okay.
- MR. SHEPPARD: Debbie, I had a -- a pause 20
- 21 in that -- in that. Did every -- did you-all get all
- 22 the testimony there?
- 23 THE REPORTER: It was not read verbatim,
- 24 what I heard.
- 25 MR. DAVIS: I -- I also had a pause.

- 9 would mean if the vessel is rocking too much during an
- 10 operation the master must end the operation; correct?
- 12 A. He's -- he's -- he's one of them onboard that
- 13 can call stop work authority at that point, yes.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. But this
- 15 specifically is -- that's one of the responsibilities
- 16 that the master has; correct?
- 17 A. He has that authority to use stop work 18 authority, just like everybody else onboard.
- Q. He has that responsibility, correct, because he 19
- 20 has the responsibility --
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. -- to maintain the safety and well-being of the
- 23 vessel and the crew; correct?
- 24 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. Asked and
- 25 answered.

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1 A. Yes, sir. He has that -- he has that

- 2 authority.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 4 MR. SHEPPARD: I'm going to -- I'll object
- 5 as nonresponsive.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Does he have the
- 7 responsibility to stop an operation if a vessel is
- 8 rocking too much during that operation?
- 9 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 10 A. If he feels it is too rough or if it's rocking
- 11 too much, yes, he has that authority to stop the job.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Does he have the
- 13 responsibility to do it, sir?
- 14 A. Yes. I mean, if he thinks it's too rough or
- 15 too -- that the job can't be done, he's going to -- he's
- 16 going to call stop the job. But anybody can call -- use
- 17 stop work authority at any time.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: Object as nonresponsive to
- 20 everything after stop the job.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) If the master notices a swell
- 22 that could cause a vessel to rock, the master should
- 23 stop the operations so that crew members are not
- 24 adversely affected by that; correct?
- 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

- 1 completed by Randy Whittaker?
 - 2 A. Yes, sir.
 - 3 Q. Okay. Is Randy Whittaker an employee of GLO?
 - 4 A. Yes, sir.
 - 5 Q. Is he in charge of safety at GLO?
 - 6 A. Yes, sir.
 - 7 Q. Okay. And Randy Whittaker, the head safety guy
 - 8 for GLO, said that one of the contributing factors to
 - 9 this incident was that the vessel went up on a swell;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's what he said in the report, and that's
- 12 what he had at the time.
- 13 Q. Okay. Has that changed?
- 14 A. Well, there's a lot test -- there's some
- 15 testimony that's -- that's been said since then; but,
- 16 yeah, that's what he had, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay. Has -- what's -- what are the changes
- 18 that need to be made to the contributing factors in this
- 19 that weren't contained in the report?
- 20 A. You're going to have to be a little more
- 21 specific. I --
- 22 Q. Well, so there are three contributing factors
- 23 in the report that was prepared by GLO on May 27, 2017.
- 24 Do you recall that?
- 25 A. Yes.

Page 62 1 Q. And there -- what additional factors does GLO

- 2 now want to put into this report?
- 3 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 4 A. I mean, I don't want to add anything.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. So what I'm going to
- 6 talk about is the swell that is noted in the
- 7 Contributing Factor Number 1 to this incident. If the
- 8 master notices a swell that could cause a vessel to
- 9 rock -- and we're talking about the swell involved in
- 10 this case -- should the master stop operations in order
- 11 to prevent people from being injured?
- 12 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
 - 13 A. So -- and -- and you're saying this as in one
- 14 wave or several waves? You're talking about a swell.
- 15 Now, if the captain sees a big wave or a big swell
- 16 coming, he -- he -- yeah, he's going to say, "Hey, wait.
- 17 Where's this coming from? Hey guys, get ready." But, I
- 18 mean, if it -- if -- if it was -- if it was steady, like
- 19 most seas are, then you know what I mean, if the boat is
- 20 holding and that's his job and the guys are okay on the
- 21 deck and doing their job then everything is pretty much
- 22 business as usual at that point.
- 23 But to answer your question, if he sees one
- 24 big giant wave coming like you said, yeah, he's going to
- 25 let the crew know.

Do you want to quantify Daniel? Are we

- 2 talking about any swell?3 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sir, you understand --
- 4 MR. SHEPPARD: And I'm going to kind of
- 5 pause here, if -- just if you have an objection, make
- 6 that. But if we're going into speaking things,
- 7 please -- I know you're not -- you're just kind of
- 8 helping. I appreciate that. But I want to make sure
- 9 that we're kind of limiting it.
- 10 MR. MECHE: All right. You're right.
- 11 Objection, vague.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) You -- you're aware that one
- 13 of the root causes for this incident was a swell;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. I read that.
- 16 Q. Okay. That is a -- that is a root cause
- 17 determination that was made by GLO; correct?
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Is that correct?
- 20 A. I think it was from information gathered
- 21 from -- from Flora.
- 22 Q. Sir, did GLO commit a -- did GLO complete a
- 23 Root Cause Analysis?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Okay. Was the Root Cause Analysis comp --



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- 1 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. If he sees -- what's a
- 2 giant wave?
- 3 A. I don't know. You said "a swell." So I'm
- 4 assuming --
- 5 Q. You're --
- 6 A. -- it means something big and out the norm.
- 7 Q. You're -- you're using the number -- "a giant
- 8 wave." Can you -- can you articulate that in feet?
- 9 A. Well, I mean, you said a swell; but, I mean,
- 10 I'm assuming you mean something out the norm, sir.
- 11 Q. Well, no, sir. You've -- you've now said if
- 12 there was a giant swell. What -- please quantify that
- 13 in feet.
- 14 A. What was the question again?
- 15 Q. You used the word, "If there is a giant swell,
- 16 the captain should get on there and say, 'Hey, guys
- 17 watch out." What is a giant swell?
- 18 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 19 A. Something out the norm, big.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) How -- please quantify that
- 21 in feet.
- 22 A. Look, I -- I've never been one to use feet as
- 23 far as measuring waves because I just -- I don't know
- 24 the accuracy on that.
- Q. Okay. What -- what form of measurement would

- 1 that?
- 2 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 3 A. So he was probably talking about when asked
- 4 what the sea conditions were like, and they made -- or
- 5 whoever he was talking to -- I'm assuming Flora -- he
- 6 may have made mention that it was 6 or 7 foot, I think
- 7 is what the report says. So that may be what -- the
- 8 swells he's talking about.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And that was listed as
- 10 a contributing factor; correct?
- 11 A. According to what Mr. Whittaker was told.
- 12 Q. Okay. And Mr. Whittaker determined that one of
- 13 the things that should have happened is the -- due to
- 14 the sea conditions stop work authority should have been
- 15 used; correct?
- 16 A. If they --
- 17 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 18 A. If -- if they thought at the time that it was
- 19 too rough to operate, yes, sir, everybody involved can
- 20 use stop work authority.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And that includes the
- 22 master of the vessel who has the best vantage point;
- 23 correct?

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- 24 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 25 A. Well, I don't know that he has the best vantage

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- 2 A. If the boat -- if -- if all the crew
- 3 mem -- crew members are comfortable with the seas and
- 4 they're able to operate, then that's okay. If it's not,
- 5 then it's too rough.

1 you like to use?

- 6 Q. Okay. And you never personally worked out at
- 7 sea; correct?
- 8 A. No, sir.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you're unable to quantify with a
- 10 number sitting here today what amounts to a giant swell?
- 11 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. Asked and
- 12 answered.
- 13 A. Well, I mean, I -- I've seen some numbers where
- 14 people say that it was 10 to 15, 20 foot. And that's --
- 15 that's significant. That's -- that's rough. That's --
- 16 that's huge. Now, it could be less than that and still
- 17 can't operate. It all depends. There's other things
- 18 involved, wind, current, other boat wakes. There's such
- 19 a thing as a rogue wave. So it's...
- 20 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Is -- is the rogue wave the
- 21 same thing as a swell?
- 22 A. So I don't know. I've never did my research on
- 23 a rogue, but...
- Q. If -- if Mr. Whittaker is using the term
- 25 "swell," do you understand what he intends to say by

- 1 point. What do you mean by "vantage point"?
- 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) The captain of the vessel is
- 3 up in the -- the wheelhouse; correct?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. The wheelhouse on the MAGGIE A is elevated,
- 6 what, 20 feet above the deck?
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes. sir.
- 10 Q. And when you're elevated above the deck, that
- 11 means you can see over the bulwarks and you can see over
- 12 everything that you have on the deck; correct?
- 13 A. Pretty much, yeah.
- 14 Q. Okay. So he -- he'd be able to see what --
- 15 what's going on with the seas, wouldn't he?
- 16 A. The sea is not always the factor. It's whether
- 17 or not the boat and people can operate during this.
- 18 Q. Sir, you understand that the safety person for
- 19 GLO said that sea conditions was a factor?
- 20 A. Okay. I mean, he -- look, he's just gathering
- 21 information at that point, sir.
- Q. But this is -- this isn't him gathering inf --
- 23 information. These are things saying probable cause.
- 24 You understand that; right?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.



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1 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

- 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And the probable cause
- 3 was the sea conditions; correct?
- 4 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 5 A. Okay. That's what's on the form. I mean, I 6 didn't write the form.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Well, I don't want to try to
- 8 trick you here, but let's look at it. And we're on
- 9 GLO 445.
- 10 MR. SHEPPARD: I'd like to make the Root
- 11 Cause Analysis Exhibit 4.
- (Exhibit 4 marked.) 12
- 13 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Let's look at Contributing
- 14 Factor Number 3, sir. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What does it say the probable cause for the
- 17 incident was?
- 18 A. "Sea conditions."
- 19 Q. What does it say the contributing factor was?
- 20 A. So it says "6- to 7-foot swell."
- Q. Okay. And what does it say the preventative 21
- 22 measure that should be taken so that this incident
- 23 doesn't happen again?
- 24 A. "Use stop" --
- 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

- 1 radioed down to any of the deckhands that were putting
 - 2 on tag lines that there's a 6- to 7-foot swell coming
 - 3 and they need to brace themselves or get out of the way?
 - A. No, sir, that wasn't mentioned.
 - 5 Q. Okay. Is that something that you would expect
 - 6 the master to do if he noticed a 6- to 7-foot swell
 - 7 coming across the sea when there's an operation taking
 - 8 place on the deck?
 - A. Yes, sir. I -- I would -- I would assume that
 - 10 if he thought a 6- or 7-foot swell coming at the boat
 - 11 would have made a difference, if he would have saw it he
 - 12 would have called down and said, "Hey, guys look out."
 - 13 Q. Did you read Mr. Flora's deposition testimony
 - 14 in its entirety?
 - 15 A. No, sir.
 - Q. What portions did you read? 16
 - 17 A. A summary that my attorney would have supplied 18 for me.
 - 19 Q. Okay. So you didn't read the testimony itself.
 - 20 You read a summary?
 - 21 A. That I can remember, yes.
 - 22 Q. Okay. Are you personally familiar with the
 - 23 work that Mr. Flora was doing at the time of the
 - 24 incident?
 - 25 A. At the time of the incident, he was -- he was

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- 1 rigging. Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the -- what the --
- 3 what you have to do in order to, you know, attach the --
- 4 the D-ring to the stinger and things like that?
- A. So I'm not rigger certified. But, I mean, I
- 6 could give you a general idea of what I think.
- Q. Okay. What is -- I think it will kind of bear
- 8 out with this next question. What is your understanding
- 9 of what happened?
- 10 A. So as I understand it, they were low -- they
- 11 lowered down some tag lines. It was full. Took the tag
- 12 lines off and was in the process of hooking the tag
- 13 lines to the box. In the meantime, apparently the ball
- 14 was still low and Mark was holding onto the D-ring and
- 15 the hook, and some kind of way the headache ball hit the
- 16 bulwarks and/or the box, because I've read a couple
- 17 things where they said maybe the box or the bulwarks.
- 18 Either/or, he's holding on to the hook and the D-ring,
- 19 and when that ball makes contact, that's a contributing
- 20 factor.
- 21 And, I mean, to me he probably shouldn't
- 22 have been holding onto the hook. He should have sent
- 23 the hook up a little bit so that -- so that Bruce can
- 24 finish with the tag lines, have him recenter that
- 25 headache ball over the lift and come down over the lift;

A. "Use Stop Work Authority is elevated sea

2 conditions."

- 3 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And it's your
- 4 testimony here today that the captain who's sitting
- 5 20 feet up in a wheelhouse wouldn't have a better
- 6 vantage point to determine the sea conditions at the
- 7 time of this incident?
- A. He can see. But the guys on the deck can see.
- 9 Q. Do the guys on the decks have -- have a -- have
- 10 a complete view of the entire sea while they're doing
- 11 their work?
- 12 A. So, yes, the captain can see the sea
- 13 conditions.
- Q. Okay. And the captain -- the captain could
- 15 also say, "Hey, guys there's a 6- to 7-foot swell
- 16 coming. Watch out"?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Any evidence that that was done here?
- 19 A. None that I know of.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you talk to Captain Lester about
- 21 that?
- 22 A. Well, I mean, we may have talked about the sea
- 23 conditions and him saying that the -- the boat was
- 24 holding fine.
- 25 Q. Did you talk to Captain Lester about whether he



- 1 and then if he needed assistance from Bruce at that
- 2 point, he could have helped him with the D-ring.
- Q. Okay. Is there any evidence that you're aware
- 4 of that Mr. Flora was aware that the headache ball was
- 5 caught on the cargo rail or the box or the bulwarks?
- A. So I read I think in his accident report where
- 7 he said that he -- it -- it hit the headache box and
- 8 then I think I saw maybe in his testimony that he was --
- 9 he was fighting it. He was trying to pull it to the
- 10 D-ring, which, I mean, he shouldn't have been trying to
- 11 muscle that up. He should have pulled it up, you know,
- 12 Stop the job or have the crane operator pick it up at
- 13 that point and -- and reposition it.
- 14 And, of course, I mean, I think Bruce was
- 15 still hooking the tag lines up. So, you know, I mean,
- 16 he didn't have that assistance, you know.
- 17 MR. SHEPPARD: I object as nonresponsive.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) What I'm ask -- what my
- 19 question to you is: Do you know of any evidence that
- 20 Mr. Flora was aware that when he was hooking the stinger
- 21 to the D-ring that the headache ball was caught on the
- 22 bulwarks or the box or the cargo rail?
- 23 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 24 A. So if you're ask -- you're asking me if Mark
- 25 knew if it was caught?

- 1 you would able -- then be able to see if the headache
- 2 ball was caught on the box or the rail or the bulwarks;
- 3 correct?
- A. I -- I don't -- I mean, yeah, he probably could
- 5 have saw as well. But, I mean, I would think that Mark
- 6 and -- and Bruce would have had a better vantage point
- 7 and/or the crane operator as to what the ball may have
- 8 been sitting on, if it was actually sitting on anything.
- 9 They were right there. You know, if -- if it were
- 10 sitting on something -- it's -- it's off center. If
- 11 it's centered on the top of the bul -- on the bulwarks,
- 12 it's off center. It should have been picked up at that
- 13 point. So I --
- 14 MR. SHEPPARD: Object as non --
- 15 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sorry. Go ahead. I didn't
- 16 mean to interrupt.
- 17 A. I don't know if he knew if it was caught on
- 18 anything and -- and --
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: Object -- object to
- 20 everything after -- everything beginning he could have
- 21 seen as well.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Would you agree with me that
- 23 the type of incident that Mark Flora was involved in
- 24 should never have happened?
- 25 A. I think it could have been prevented, yes.

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- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Yes. Is there anything
- 2 showing that Mark knew that the headache ball was caught
- 3 on the cargo rail, the Conex box or the bulwarks while
- 4 he was performing his duties?
- 5 A. I --
- 6 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 7 A. I don't know if he knew if it was caught or
- 8 not.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. If the -- if the
- 10 captain was up in -- up in the wheelhouse monitoring the
- 11 work taking place on the deck, he would have been at a
- 12 vantage point to be able to see that the headache ball
- was caught on either the cargo rail, the bulwarks or the
- 14 Conex box; correct?
- 15 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 16 A. Not necessarily. But I mean if he would have
- 17 saw it, he would have told him that it was caught.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) When you're -- when you're
- 19 20 feet up elevated in the air looking over the entire
- 20 deck, are you able to see the bulwarks, the Conex box
- 21 and the cargo rail that Mr. Flora was around at the time
- 22 of the incident?
- 23 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. Speculation.
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And you're able to --

- Q. Okay. Could more -- could GLO having more 2 people aboard the vessel have prevented this from
- 3 happening?

- 4 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 5 A. I don't think that was the problem.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Could that have prevented
- 7 this from happening?
- A. I don't see how, sir.
- 9 Q. Okay. Could having someone other than the
- 10 master watching the operation on the deck have prevented
- 11 this from happening?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. If the master had been in constant
- 14 communication with Mr. Flora and advised him of the
- 15 swells that were approaching, would that have prevented
- 16 this from happening?
- 17 A. I don't think it had any bearing on it. But if
- 18 there had an issue -- if there was an issue at the time
- 19 that the captain thought that the seas were affecting
- 20 the boat in any kind of way, he would have -- he would
- 21 have radioed down and said, "Look, guys, this ain't
- 22 happening right now."
- 23 Q. Okay. Fair to say that the safety manager who
- 24 prevent -- who completed the Root Cause Analysis
- 25 determined that the sea conditions did play a factor in



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1 this --2 MR. MECHE: Objection, form. 3 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) -- incident; correct? 4 A. It was noted on the root cause, which is 5 information he gathered after the incident. Q. Okay. I'm going to ask the ques --6 7 MR. SHEPPARD: I'm going to object as 8 nonresponsive. Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Because you keep saying if 10 the captain would have thought that the -- the swell was 11 too much then, yeah, he should have done something. But 12 I want to -- I want to point to you that your safety

14 play a factor. Do you remember that? 15 MR. MECHE: Are you testifying, Daniel? 16 Because --17 MR. SHEPPARD: I'm asking if he remembers

13 manager for GLO has stated that the sea conditions did

18 it. 19 MR. MECHE: If he remembers what? 20 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you recall reviewing the

21 Root Cause Analysis Form where the safety manager for

22 GLO has -- has written down that the sea conditions were 23 a contributing factor -- where the sea conditions were a 24 probable cause and a contributing factor to this

25 incident with a 6- to 7-foot swell? Do you recall

1 requires a team effort?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Okay. And that's where you would have the

4 folks on the deck that are part of the team. You have 5 the master in the wheelhouse and, you know, he's also

part of the team; right?

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form. 8 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

A. Yes, sir, they are part of the team.

10 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Would you agree that

11 the master needs to be watching operations, especially

12 those involving cranes and headache balls?

13 A. He -- he does watch that, yes.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. But he watches other things as well.

16 Q. Okay. Because the -- the master should know

17 that if someone gets hit by a -- by a headache ball they

18 could get seriously injured; right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

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Q. If the master can't watch the operation because

21 he said he's doing some other things up there, if he

22 can't watch the operation he should probably get

23 somebody else in the wheelhouse to do that; right?

24 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

25 A. I -- I disagree.

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1 reviewing that?

2 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

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4 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And part of your

5 testimony -- and I want to make sure I got this right --

6 is that if the master had witnessed this swell then he

7 should have stopped the work from happening. Is that --

8 MR. MECHE: Object --

Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) -- a fair statement? 9

10 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

11 A. If -- if the master would have seen a big swell

12 that he thought would affect the vessel, yes. If the

13 master operating in the sea conditions that he was

14 operating in thought that the boat wasn't holding good

15 enough to where he needed to stop the job, he would have

16 stopped it.

17 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And if the master was

18 wrong and should have stopped the job when he didn't,

19 the master and the company bear responsibility for that;

20 correct?

21 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Would you agree that

24 crane operations where you're moving Conex boxes from

25 the vessel to platform or another vessel is a --

Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.

2 A. You got two guys --

3 Q. So --

4 A. -- two guys on the deck that are rigging.

5 Q. Uh-huh.

A. Those guys are communicating generally with

7 the -- with the crane operator.

Q. Okay. And one of the -- one of the things

9 that's going on is there's parts -- part of this --

10 strike that.

11 Part of this operation is dictated by

12 elements outside of what's happening on deck and what's

13 happening at the -- at the crane; correct?

14 A. I'm not sure I understand what you're asking

15 me.

16 Q. I was getting back to the sea conditions.

17 There's other things going on besides what's happening

18 on deck and with the crane; correct?

19 A. Absolutely.

20 Q. Okay. And one of the reasons you have somebody

21 up in the wheelhouse -- I think you testified to that --

22 is, you know, they can see what's going on at -- on at

23 sea as well; correct?

24 A. I guess, yeah. I mean --

25 Q. Okay. And if the captain has got other things



- 1 that he's doing where he's not able to -- to, you know,
- 2 watch what's happening out at sea, he should probably
- 3 get somebody else in the wheelhouse to help him out.
- 4 shouldn't he?
- 5 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 6 A. Sir, I'm going to have to disagree with you
- 7 there because he's going to know if something is
- 8 happening with the sea because his boat that he's
- 9 operating is going to tell him that.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Wouldn't it --
- 11 wouldn't it tell him that after it's already happened?
- 12 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 13 A. The boat was holding fine. The boat --
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 15 A. -- was operating fine.
- 16 Q. Okay. And what are you basing that on, sir?
- 17 A. Everything -- well, some of the things that
- 18 I've read since then.
- Q. Okay. You say the -- the captain, the master,
- 20 is doing other things while the operation is taking
- 21 place. What other things was -- was the captain doing?
- 22 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 23 A. Well, one of the things, what I understood is
- 24 he didn't -- he didn't witness this of Mark get
- 25 hit because he was checking his DP screen.

- Page 83 1 communication with Mr. Flora and the other deckhand?
- 2 A. I can tell you, the only -- the only lack of
- 3 communication that I'm assuming happened here was
- 4 between probably Mark Flora and the crane operator.
- 5 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I object as
- 6 nonresponsive.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sir, is there any evidence
- 8 that you have reviewed or anyone that you have talked to
- 9 that has said that the captain, Mr. Flora and the other
- 10 deckhand were in constant communication?
- 11 MR. MECHE: Hold on. Objection, form.
- 12 Daniel, are you excluding attorney-client
- 13 communications?
- 14 MR. SHEPPARD: Yes. I'm not talking about
- 15 attorney-client communications.
- 16 MR. MECHE: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 Objection, form.
- 18 A. Ask the question again. I don't --
- 19 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sure.
 - And this is will exclude attorney-client
- 21 communications. I don't want you ever talking about
- 22 stuff you talked to your attorney with. So I'll ask the
- 23 question again.

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- 24 Sorry, I lost my train of thought.
- 25 A. That's okay. I do, too.

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- Q. Have you -- have you reviewed any documents or 2 have you spoken to anyone who has stated that Mr. Flora,
 - 3 the other deckhand and the master were in communication
 - 4 during the entirety of this crane operation?
 - A. No, nobody has told me that they were not in
 - 6 communication via radio or hand signals.
 - Q. Okay. Have they told you that they were in
 - 8 constant communication?
 - 9 A. No. No. I didn't talk to anybody about that.
 - 10 Q. Okay. The -- the master needs to stop an op --
 - 11 operation if the vessel is rocking too much; correct?
 - 12 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
 - 13 A. That is one of the reasons to cop -- call stop
 - 14 work authority, yes, sir.
 - 15 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. If the captain doesn't
 - 16 stop an operation when the vessel is rocking too much, a
 - 17 person could get hurt, couldn't they?
 - 18 A. Yes, sir.
 - 19 Q. Like Mr. Flora got hurt; correct?
 - MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
 - 21 A. No, sir.

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- 22 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 23 A. I disagree with you. I mean, I -- I don't -- I
- 24 don't know that that was a contributing factor. But it
- 25 was on the root cause as what we had information -- I

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- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. How long does it --
- 2 and that's the dynamic positioning?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How long does it take to check a dynamic
- 5 positioning screen?
- A. You'd have to ask the captain. I really don't.
- 7 Q. Okay. That's not something you've done before?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. Would you agree that the captain needs
- 10 to be in communication with everyone involved when
- 11 there's a crane operation taking place?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. If the captain doesn't remain in
- 14 communication with everyone involved in the crane
- 15 operation, someone could get hurt; right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Like Mr. Flora got hurt?
- 18 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- A. I don't know if that was a contributing factor. 19
- 20 I thought they were all in communication.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. What are you basing
- 22 that on?
- 23 A. Well, I didn't hear no different.
- 24 Q. Have -- is there any evidence that you have
- 25 reviewed that says that the captain was in constant



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- 1 mean, at the time the information we had.
- 2 If it was too rough, Mark Flora should have
- 3 called stop work authority. The boat was doing fine.
- 4 The captain was doing his job. The boat was handling.
- 5 If there was an issue downstairs that the riggers
- 6 thought they couldn't operate then they could have
- 7 called stop work at anytime.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) That's something the captain
- 9 could have done as well; correct?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And the captain didn't do it, did he?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. And someone was hurt when there was a 6- to
- 14 7-foot swell; correct?
- A. And someone didn't call it either, you'reright.
- 17 MR. SHEPPARD: Object as nonresponsive.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) There was somebody that was
- 19 hurt when there was a 6- to 7-foot swell when the
- 20 captain did not call stop work authority; correct?
- 21 A. Well, he said it was 6 to 7, but I don't know
- 22 that it was or it wasn't.
- 23 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask the question again,
- 24 because we're still not getting it answered. The
- 25 captain did not cause -- did not call for stop work

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 1 a DP boat comes to set up a drillship, there's a pre
 - 2 pre -- pre-approach checklist that they'll go through
 - 3 with that drillship. So did they ask him to move the
 - 4 drillship a little bit, I don't know. Maybe they did.
 - 5 But, again, that's not uncommon.
 - 6 Q. What I'm asking, sir, is: Do you -- is there
 - 7 anything -- any testimony you've seen, any persons that
 - 8 you've spoken to, any documents that you've reviewed
 - 9 that show that the master of the vessel asked the
 - 10 drillship to move a few degrees to give the MAGGIE A a
 - 11 break from the seas and the winds?
 - 12 A. No, sir. I -- I don't recall reading anything.
 - 13 Q. Okay. Okay. After an incident like the one
 - 14 involving Mr. Flora, one of the things that you want to
 - 15 do is find out what happened so you can make sure it
 - 16 won't happen again; right?
 - 17 A. Yes, sir.
 - 18 Q. That's true of anything, whether it's big or
 - 19 small; correct?
 - 20 A. Yes. I mean --
 - 21 Q. And that -- okay. And that would be true even
 - 22 if someone -- whether someone got hurt or if it was a
 - 23 near miss?
 - 24 A. Yes. So they -- they did their investigation.
 - Q. Okay. And one of the things you want to do is

- 1 authority when there was a 6- to 7-foot swell and
- 2 someone was hurt; correct?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Did you review Mr. Flora's testimony where he
- 5 said that the master could have also moved the position
- 6 of the vessel a little bit to give the MAGGIE A a break
- 7 from the sea and the winds?
- 8 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 9 A. No, I -- I didn't -- I didn't review that.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Is there any evidence
- 11 where the master asked the drillship to move a few
- 12 degrees to make the work safer?
- 13 A. This was prior to them starting all these
- 14 operations or right before the incident happened --
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. -- because, I mean, look, that's -- that's --
- 17 that's broad, what you're asking me. Because when they
- 18 come in and set up, there's some communication that goes
 19 on there.
- 20 Q. Okay. Is there any evidence that you have seen
- 21 that the master of the -- of the MAGGIE A asked the
- 22 drillship to move its position somewhat to give the
- 23 MAGGIE A a break from the seas and the winds?
- 24 A. I don't know if that conversation took place;
- 25 but, again, that's not an un-normal conversation. When

- 1 perform an investigation as rapidly as practical;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. And that includes completing a postaccident
- 5 ledger; correct?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. A drug screen --
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. -- correct?
- 10 One of the other things you want to do is
- 11 conduct a drug screen; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Was there anything contained in Mr. -- a drug
- 14 screen that gave GLO any cause for concern?
- 15 A. In -- in Mr. Flora's drug screen?
- 16 Q. Yes, sir.
- 17 A. Yeah. So I didn't hear of anything, any
- 18 problems there.
- 19 Q. Okay. One other thing that you want to do is
- 20 conduct crew interviews and record statements; correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Were there any statements recorded following
- 23 this incident?
- 24 A. It's all been sent to you. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Were there -- were there any statements where



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- 1 audio was recorded?
- 2 A. None that I'm aware of.
- 3 Q. Okay. I have the written ones. I didn't know
- 4 if there was any audio.
- 5 A. I'm not aware of any, sir.
- 6 Q. Okay. What is a postaccident ledger?
- 7 A. Are you talking about the accident report or
- 8 the root -- the top of the root cause? Oh, I can't look 9 at that.
- 10 I -- I'm assuming that that's the checklist
- 11 for what he's -- what he's -- you know, that goes in
- 12 the -- in the file.
- 13 Q. Okay. Let me -- the reason I'm asking -- and
- 14 I'm in GLO 408. Let's pull it up on the screen real
- 15 quick. You know, the -- it says, "The investigation may
- 16 include the following steps," and it says "Post Accident
- 17 Ledger." I wasn't sure if that's something different
- 18 than the incident reports and the Root Cause Analysis.
- 19 Do you know one way or another?
- 20 A. No, sir. And prob -- it's going to be that --
- 21 that -- that all the boxes that are checked I think at
- 22 the beginning of the root cause that just show that the
- 23 drug screen was done and what have you.
- 24 Q. Okay. Okay. It also says on -- on 408 --
- 25 MR. SHEPPARD: And I'll pull it back up.

- Page 89 Page 1 Q. Okay. And that's something that's supposed to
 - 2 be completed; correct?
 - 3 A. I don't think it's -- it's done every time, no.
 - 4 Q. Okay. GLO has identified certain actions that
 - 5 have been effective when investigating an injury;
 - 6 correct?
 - 7 A. What's that?
 - 3 Q. GLO has identified certain actions that have
 - 9 been effective when investigating an injury; correct?
 - 10 A. Okay.
 - 11 Q. Is that correct?
 - 12 A. I really don't know what you're asking, to be
 - 13 honest with you --
 - 14 MR. MECHE: Can you tell us --
 - 15 A. -- what action --
 - 16 MR. MECHE: -- where you're reading from
 - 17 Daniel --

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- 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 19 MR. MECHE: -- and we'll follow along.
 - Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) I'm reading from the -- are
- 21 you -- I'll ask a different question, then.
- 22 Are you -- have you read the SEMS manual?
- 23 A. I've -- I've been through it, yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. This is GLO 409, and I highlighted a
- 25 portion here.

- 1 This will be 408, 409 and 410. And I'll make that the
- 2 next exhibit. I think that's Exhibit 5.
- 3 (Exhibit 5 marked.)
- 4 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) One of the next things that
- 5 it suggests that you do is do a -- determine corrective
- 6 action and then -- or it says "Corrective action
- 7 determined, applied and verified." What does that mean?
- 8 A. It means they would have found the cause and to9 verify that it's been corrected.
- 10 Q. Okay. And it also says one of the things
- 11 you'll do is "Management Review and Lessons Learned,"
- 12 you'll complete that; correct?
- 13 A. Yes, sir, I see that.
- 14 Q. Okay. Is that a separate form?
- 15 A. I -- I -- I don't know the form.
- 16 Q. Okay. The reason I'm asking is Mr. Whittaker
- 17 doesn't put down any lessons learned; correct?
- 18 A. I don't know if he did or if he didn't, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. I'll show it to you. See on my screen,
- 20 sir?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. See where it says "Lessons Learned"?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. No lessens were learned; correct?
- 25 A. None noted.

- 1 On the -- and this is GLO 409. On the
- 2 second paragraph, the last sentence says, "The following
- 3 have been -- have found to be effective when
- 4 investigating an injury." Did I read that correctly?
- 5 A. So, yeah, "The following have found to be
- 6 effective when investigating an injury." So what's your
- 7 question?
- 8 Q. Sure. GLO has identified certain actions that
- 9 have been effective when investigating an injury;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Okay. Yes.
- 12 Q. And one of the things is to go to the scene at
- 13 once; correct?
- 14 A. If possible.
- 15 Q. Does it say if possible?
- 16 A. If the boat is offshore, I mean, my guy is not
- 17 going.
- 18 Q. Okay. Does it say if possible?
- 19 A. It does not say if possible.
- 20 Q. Okay. It also says, "Talk with the injured
- 21 person if at all possible. Talk to witnesses. Stress
- 22 getting the facts"; correct?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. And that was done here; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. "Listen for clues in the conversations
- 2 around you. Unsolicited comments often have merit."
- 3 Did I read that correctly?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. That was done here?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. One of the other things that -- that GLO
- 8 recommends is that you "Encourage all to share their
- 9 idea for preventing a similar occurrence" --
- A. Yes --
- 11 Q. -- correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Was that done here?
- 14 A. I'm assuming it was.
- 15 Q. Is there anything documenting that this was
- 16 done here?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. Okay. "Write a -- write you" -- or is there
- 19 anyone who would know?
- 20 A. There may have been a safety meeting done on it
- 21 following that. I -- there could be something
- 22 documented.
- 23 Q. Okay. "Confer with all interested persons
- 24 about possible solutions." Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. Was that done here?
- A. It may have been. I mean, it could have
- 3 been -- been verbally. The crews talk about it and say,
- 4 "The next time this is what we're going to do. This is
- 5 what you need to do." So, yeah, it -- it -- all of that
- 6 was probably done.
- Q. Well, you said may at first, then probably. Do
- 8 you have anything showing that it was done?
- 9 A. Not today.
- 10 Q. Okay. It also says -- or is there something
- 11 that you need to go look at to see if it was done?
- 12 A. No, I don't look.
- 13 Q. Is there someone that you need to talk to to
- 14 see if it was done?
- 15 A. Right now you mean? No. No.
- Q. Well, you said -- you said, "Not right now. I 16
- 17 don't have this now." I want to -- you know, if there's
- 18 something that you need to look at or someone --
- 19 A. You asked me --
- 20 Q. -- you could to speak to, let me know.
- 21 A. You asked me if it was documented, and I said I
- 22 didn't know.
- 23 Q. Right. And then -- oh, I thought you said
- 24 not -- not now. Did I mishear?
- A. I -- look, I don't know.

- Q. Okay. What I'm asking is: Do you have
- 2 anything -- have you spoken to anyone or do you have any
- 3 documents that show that GLO, that there -- that there
- 4 was a conference with all interested persons about
- 5 possible solutions to prevent this from happening?
- A. I know that everybody was talked to, yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And there was a -- there was an accident
- 8 report giving complete accurate accounts of the
- 9 incident; correct?
- 10 A. At the time, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And there were -- did the company follow
- 12 up to make sure that all conditions were corrected?
- 13 A. Had there been anything -- any conditions to be
- 14 corrected, I'm sure they would.
- 15 Q. Okay. Does -- does a condition include the --
- 16 the manner in which work is performed?
- 17 A. Possibly.
- 18 Q. Okay. One of the things it says is to
- 19 "Publicize corrective action so that all may benefit
- 20 from the experience." Was there anything publicized
- 21 about this?
- A. I don't know if it was or if it wasn't. 22
- 23 Q. Okay. Is -- how would you go about determining
- 24 whether or not GLO publicized corrective action?
- 25 A. I'd have to ask Randy, but I don't know.

- Q. Do you personally recall seeing anything
- 2 publicized about this incident?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. And this -- is that something that as
- 5 the operations manager you would have -- you would have
- 6 been part of creating?
- 7 A. Yes, sir. On major incidents, yes.
- Q. Okay. But this doesn't say major incidents,
- 9 does it?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. Okay. It says this is for all incidents, isn't
- 12 it?
- 13 A. So that all may benefit.
- 14 Q. Correct. And you publicize -- you publicize
- 15 corrective action for all -- all incidents, not just --
- 16 A. But if you read the top, it says, "The
- 17 following have been found to be effective."
- Q. Correct. So is that something that the company
- 19 did, or is it something the company didn't do?
- 20 A. I -- honestly, sir, I don't know if they did on
- 21 this one or not.
- 22 Q. Okay. One thing I found interesting is -- this
- 23 was "Considerations For the Master." One of the things
- 24 that GLO tells the master is to "Never discuss or assess
- 25 blame when completing any verbal or written report of an



- 1 injury or casualty. Any verbal statements can be
- 2 overhead, and any written reports can be subpoenaed,
- 3 which could jeopardize any legal position the company
- 4 may have." Did I read that correctly?
- 5 A. I mean, how do you take it?
- 6 Q. I'm asking you if I read it correctly?
- 7 A. Yeah, that's pretty much how I saw it.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 MR. SHEPPARD: And this is GLO 407. I'll
- 10 make this Exhibit 6.
- 11 (Exhibit 6 marked.)
- 12 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you under -- do you have
- 13 any idea why its company policy for the masters never to
- 14 discuss or assess blame when completing any verbal or
- 15 written report of an injury or casualty?
- 16 A. No. I mean, he's supposed to report it to the
- 17 office. I mean, why would he want to start -- he just
- 18 needs to state the facts. I mean, he don't need to lay
- 19 blame. And the facts will give that. "Any verbal
- 20 statements can be overheard and any written report can
- 21 be subpoenaed," so -- which can jeopar -- yeah, I mean,
- 22 most -- nine times out of ten our reports are given to
- 23 the customer. So, I mean -- I mean, that's -- it says
- 24 what it says in there; but, I mean, we're not hiding
- 25 anything.

- Page 97 1 (Exhibit 7 marked.)
 - 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you see the text
 - 3 highlighted in blue?
 - 4 A. Yes, sir.
 - 5 Q. Could you read it for me, please?
 - 6 A. "The Master's Review of the Safety and
 - 7 Environmental Management System is performed aboard each
 - 8 vessel at least once at periods, not to exceed twelve
 - 9 months.'
 - 10 Q. Okay. So the master is required to review the
 - 11 entire manual at least once every 12 months. Is that a
 - 12 fair statement?
 - 13 A. They dig into that, yes.
 - 14 Q. Okay. And one of the things that they -- they
 - 15 do is they review safety topics; correct?
 - 16 A. Yes, sir.
 - 17 Q. And they identify corrective actions; correct?
 - 18 A. I'm sure it's talked about, yes, sir.
 - 19 Q. And the master is required to identify
 - 20 corrective actions; correct?
 - 21 A. In -- in cases, yes, sir, he is.
 - 22 Q. And the master is required to determine the
 - 23 overall effective of the SEMS manual; correct?
 - 24 A. Yes, sir. The whole crew takes part in that
 - 25 training; but, yes, they have a say in it as well.

- 1 Q. Okay. But one of the -- one of the reasons why
- 2 the company doesn't want the master to discuss or assess
- 3 blame when completing a verbal or written report is
- 4 because it can jeopardize GLO's legal positions that
- 5 they may take in the future if there's a lawsuit;
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. That's what it says there, yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Okay. That's an important policy for GLO?
- 9 A. I think the facts are important, yeah.
- 10 Q. Is that an important policy for GLO?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 MR. MECHE: Daniel, what Bates number is
- 14 that, if you don't mind? It's covered on our end.
- 15 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure. That's GLO 407.
- 16 MR. MECHE: All right.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) The master is required to
- 18 review the SEMS manual at least once a year; right?
- 19 A. They actually dig into it once a week.
- 20 Q. Right. But they have to review the entire
- 21 thing at least once a year; correct?
- 22 A. The review is done weekly.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 MR. SHEPPARD: I'll make this Exhibit 7.
- 25 It's GLO 321.

- Q. One thing that the master is required to do is
- 2 ensure that the vessel has a complete file of weekly
- 3 safety meeting reports onboard signed by all crew for a
- 4 52-week period; correct?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And the master is -- or let's see. The master
- 7 must determine that all required safety meetings were
- 8 held; correct?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. And must determine that the topics used were
- 11 important to vessel operations and concerns; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And the master is supposed to review monthly
- 14 lessons learned with crew members; correct?
- 15 A. If there's any sent out, yes, sir.
- 16 Q. I'm assuming that they're sent out monthly,
- 17 just because of the title?
- 18 A. It's when learned, yeah. I mean, it could be
- 19 as -- as simple as a phone call, an email, a letter, a
- 20 memo or something internally on the boat.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. It's broad.
- 23 Q. One of the things a master needs to do is
- 24 determine whether changes need to be made to the
- 25 SEMS manual; correct?



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A. Yes.

- 2 Q. One of the things that the master needs to do
- 3 is review all accident, injury and near miss reports;
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are you aware if any of those materials have
- 7 been produced to us in this case?
- 8 MR. MECHE: What materials, Daniel?
- 9 MR. SHEPPARD: I'm reading directly from 10 your-all's forms.
- 11 MR. MECHE: Okay. Can you give us page,
- 12 line and verse so we can look at it?
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: Sure. GLO 324.
- 14 MR. MECHE: Are you going to put it up on
- 15 the screen or --
- 16 MR. SHEPPARD: Yeah. Working on it.
- 17 MR. MECHE: All right. Thanks.
- 18 MR. SHEPPARD: I want to make sure I've got
- 19 the right one.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Let's see. So there's a
- 21 Master's Management Review form that's supposed to be
- 22 completed. Let me pull this up. And this is -- let's
- 23 see, this is going to be GLO 321 through --
- 24 A. I know the form you're talking about.
- 25 Q. Okay. I'm just trying to figure out where this

- 1 vessel; correct?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Okay. You just made the decision that you're
- 4 not going to require certain vessels to follow the
- 5 SEMS manual?
- A. That's not what I said. I said some require
- 7 more than others. A certifica -- that certification,
- 8 that end of the year review report is due.
- Q. Okay. But this manual doesn't say that, "We're
- 10 only applying this to certain vessels that require this
- 11 annual review." It says, "We're applying it to each
- 12 vessel"; correct?
- 13 A. True.
- 14 Q. And did you -- were you the one who personally
- 15 made the decision that you weren't going to require each
- 16 vessel to perform the annual review?
- 17 A. I don't know who made the decision; but, I
- 18 mean, it's not something that we've been doing.
- 19 Q. Okay. Had the --
- 20 A. Not on paper -- not on paper, at least.
- 21 Q. Okay. Had GLO followed its own manual, it
- 22 would have required the masters to review all accident,
- 23 injury and near miss reports; correct?
- 24 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 25 A. And I said they are.

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- Page 102 1 ends. Sorry.
- A. Yeah. So -- so --
- 3 Q. 324 through 329.
- A. I -- for -- for -- for the vessels in my fleet
- 5 at this time, they're not ISM certified. Okay? So I
- 6 don't require them to fill that form out because there's
- 7 no -- that certification, that's what requires that
- 8 form. Again, what we do is in our 52-week training,
- 9 sir, they dig into that -- into that manual every week
- 10 and they go over topics. And that's their way of
- 11 reviewing it each week.
- 12 Q. Okay. Part of this manual -- this is
- 13 Chapter 5.1, Section 2.1, the last paragraph for it.
- 14 This is Bates Number 321. It says that, "The review
- 15 will be returned to each vessel. The Company will keep
- 16 a copy of each annual review on file." Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. GLO doesn't follow that policy for all of its
- 19 vessels?
- 20 A. No, sir, not -- no, sir. I don't have that for
- 21 that vessel.
- 22 Q. The manual doesn't say that this policy applies
- 23 to certain vessels and not others; correct?
- A. No, sir, it doesn't. 24
- Q. It says that it replies -- it applies to each

- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And if they had done
- 3 I'm pulling up -- and the page I'm on is GLO 324 --

2 that, it would have been documented on this form that

- 4 correct?
- A. It's possible.
- Q. Okay. And it would also have the corrective
- 7 actions required or suggestions for an improvement of
- 8 the things that the master would be required to
- 9 complete; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And then the overall effectiveness; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then it also requires that the
- 14 master send to the shoreside folks, you know, copies of
- 15 the incident report; correct?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And it -- it also ensure -- it also makes sure 17
- 18 that the vessel keeps these incident reports on file on
- 19 the ship in an easily accessible file; correct?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. And, again, this form is not completed, is it?
- 22 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 23 A. I don't know if the form is completed, but they
- 24 do that stuff there.
- 25 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. But the -- the -- the



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- 1 company has, at least in its own rules, that I guess
- 2 it's choosing not to follow, that this form needs to be
- 3 completed annually; correct?
- 4 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 5 Mischaracterizes the witness' testimony.
- 6 A. What's the question?
- 7 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) The company at least has made
- 8 a decision not to follow its own rules and make masters
- 9 complete this form for each vessel; correct?
- 10 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 11 A. Yeah. I don't -- I don't -- I don't make them
- 12 do that form.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Even though it is
- 14 company policy for that form to be completed for each
- 15 vessel?
- 16 A. That's what it says in the manual.
- 17 Q. Is it company policy for that to be -- is the
- 18 manual what we should be -- strike that.
- 19 Should we be looking at the manual to
- 20 determine what the company's policies are?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say the company's
- 23 policy is for every single vessel to have completed
- 24 these forms on an annual basis?
- 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

- 1 documents.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. So the company holds
- 3 operations meetings at least once a week; correct?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And some of the topics at those meetings
- 6 include safety of operations, accident prevention and
- 7 injury prevention; correct?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. In terms of safety of operations, what,
- 10 if anything was discussed involving the incident with
- 11 Mr. Flora?
- 12 A. Sir, that's 2017. I -- I don't know. I don't
- 13 remember that.
- 14 Q. Okay. Has anything been documented -- do you
- 15 ever document these meetings?
- 16 A. I don't think. I mean, some of it could be as
- 17 easy as, you know, just us three. There's only three of
- 18 us in that department in that -- in that front office.
- 19 So us meeting together and talking about what went on
- 20 that week, what we what we got coming up, just general
- 21 stuff like that, yes, sir. And -- and incident reports
- 22 are reviewed and talked about, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you -- do you document the meeting
- 24 with anything?

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25 A. I don't have nothing documented.

- 1 A. What's the question?
- 2 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Is it -- is it company
- 3 policy, then, for the master to complete the management
- 4 review for each vessel every year?
- 5 A. According --
- 6 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 7 A. According to that policy, yes.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 9 A. And, look, they may have turned it in, but I
- 10 didn't see it.
- 11 Q. Who would he have turned it into?
- 12 A. Possibly Randy.
- 13 Q. Okay. Anyone else?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. Is it true that the company holds
- 16 operations meetings once a month?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Sometimes more than a month.
- 20 Q. Got you.
- 21 MR. SHEPPARD: And just for the record, I'm
- 22 making -- if it's okay, I was just going to repurpose
- 23 Exhibit 7 because there was just 321 and make Exhibit 7
- 24 321 through the end of that section. 321 to 329, we'll
- 25 just make that Exhibit 7 so I'm not reusing specific

- 1 Q. Okay. It also says that quarter -- the company
- 2 holds a safety meeting in the shore-based office
- 3 quarterly and the agenda of the meetings includes but is
- 4 not limited to the review of all accidents, injuries,
- 5 near miss incidents, any needed corrective actions,
- 6 including new procedures, revisions or amendments of
- 7 operational procedures. Is that also correct?
- 8 A. Yes, sir. And that's what I'm reflecting,
- 9 that's what I'm talking about.
- 10 Q. Okay. And for the quarterly meetings, I guess
- 11 you-all don't document any of the topics discussed at
- 12 those either?
- 13 A. It -- it could happen daily. It could happen
- 14 weekly. You know, I mean, we -- we do this often.
- 15 We're a small --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- a small company, and we all work together
- 18 and we talk about all kind of stuff that -- you know, to
- 19 help better the company.
- 20 Q. Okay. Regardless of if it's daily, weekly,
- 21 monthly, quarterly, there is nothing documented
- 22 regarding these meetings; correct?
- 23 A. I can check. I don't know if it is or of it
- 24 isn't, sir.
- 25 Q. Sitting here today, do you know if any of it's



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- 2 A. It may be. I -- I don't know.
- 3 Q. Who would have documented the meeting?
- 4 A. May -- maybe Randy.
- Q. Okay.

1 documented?

- 6 A. Are we talking -- what day are we talking 7 about?
- 8 Q. I'm just -- I'm trying to understand in
- 9 general. In general, do -- are there document -- is
- 10 there any documentation associated with these daily,
- 11 weekly or quarterly safety meetings?
- 12 A. Daniel, that's what I'm saying, is that, you
- 13 know, we -- we all work together. We all meet, and we
- 14 talk about these incidents. We talk about the -- the --
- 15 the safety meetings for the week, and it's -- it's a
- 16 topic that we talk about daily, weekly. It's -- it's a
- 17 daily occurrence sometimes.
- 18 MR. SHEPPARD: Object as nonresponsive.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Does GLO have a policy where
- 20 they document these daily, weekly or quarterly or
- 21 monthly meetings involving accidents, injuries, near
- 22 misses, corrective actions and procedures? Is any of
- 23 that documented?
- 24 A. I don't know.
- 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
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- 1 A. I don't know if it is, if it isn't.
- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And if -- if it
- 3 documented, it would be documented by the safety guy,
- 4 Randy Whittaker?
- 5 A. Yes, sir, he may have that.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I don't --
- 8 Q. And you said there's a -- there's a third
- 9 person. Who's the third person involved? And I'm
- 10 sorry, let me -- let me strike that. I didn't mean to
- 11 interrupt you.
- 12 A. No, sir. Go ahead.
- 13 The -- the third person involved today,
- 14 these days, Mr. Wade -- Wade Lee. He's our personnel
- 15 manager.
- 16 Q. Okay. So the three folks involved is
- 17 operations, personnel and safety?
- 18 A. Yes, sir. Right now.
- 19 Q. Okay. So we'll kind of go back to a few
- 20 questions. Was there any -- is there any documentation
- 21 associated with a daily, monthly or quarterly meeting,
- 22 or any meeting whatsoever, involving the incident and
- 23 Mr. Flora?
- 24 A. I'm not sure if there is anything documented.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- A. It doesn't mean it wasn't discussed.
- 2 Q. Do you recall any particular discussion that
- 3 you had involving Mr. Flora's incident?
- 4 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 5 A. I do know I was involved at the front side. I
- 6 was made aware of it.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) When were you made aware of
- 8 it?
- 9 A. Whew, probably that day.
- 10 Q. Okay. And then a week later, do you recall any
- 11 conversations -- or a day later or a week later, do you
- 12 recall any conversation that you had with Mr. Whittaker?
- 13 A. There were conversation that -- that he's been
- 14 taken to the doctor. There was conversation that he
- 15 took him to the doctor the second time. There were
- 16 con -- conversation that he took him to the doctor a
- 17 third time.
- 18 Q. Okay. Was that the extent of the
- 19 conversations?
- 20 A. I'm sure he told me the outcome of the visit as
- 21 well, but it's been awhile.
- 22 Q. Okay. Is there anything else that you recall
- 23 from these conversations?
- 24 A. No --
- 25 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.

1 A. No, sir.

- Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. And is this something
- 3 that would fall within the daily, weekly, quarterly
- 4 meeting?

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- 5 A. Yes, sir. That, and a whole bunch of other
- 6 stuff.
- 7 Q. Okay. But, you know, just the fact that
- 8 Mr. Flora was taken to the doctor, had some treatment
- 9 and the outcome of that treatment, that's about all you
- 10 recall as part the discussions involving Mr. Flora at
- 11 these daily, weekly or quarterly meetings?
- 12 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 13 A. No. I'm sure he -- I'm sure he told me what
- 14 the incident -- what happened, the whole incident. I
- 15 mean, I'm sure we talked about that. But, I mean, I
- 16 don't recall that day.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Do you recall -- do you have
- 18 any independent recollection, or are you guessing at
- 19 this?
- 20 A. At this point I'd be guessing if I told you
- 21 exactly our conversation in 2017.
- Q. Okay. And I'm not fussing at you. I'm just
- 23 trying to see if you have an independent memory of it.
- 24 Do you have an independent memory of the
- 25 discussion of the incident involving Mr. Flora at one of



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1 these daily, weekly or quarterly meetings?

2 A. I don't. But I guarantee you it was talked 3 about.

- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 MR. SHEPPARD: Sorry. I'm experiencing a
- 6 technical stuff. I just got kicked out of the Zoom.
- 7 I'm trying to get back in on the -- for the computer
- 8 portion of it.
- 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: While we're on it, could
- 10 we take a short break? I just need a break in the
- 11 video. Oh, he's gone.
- 12 Off the record --
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: I'm here on the -- yeah.
- 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. I'm going to take
- 15 it off the record and go right back on. Okay?
- 16 MR. SHEPPARD: Well, let's -- can we do --
- 17 is it okay to take a five-minute break, guys?
- 18 MR. MECHE: That's fine with us.
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay.
- 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at --
- 21 MR. SHEPPARD: I don't if you-all need -- I
- 22 don't know if you-all need food or anything. Let me
- 23 know. I'm not trying to ruin anyone's lunch.
- 24 MR. MECHE: Daniel, can you ballpark how
- 25 much do you have left?

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- 1 MR. SHEPPARD: I've kind of jumped around.
- 2 So it's -- I'll -- I'll have that answer to you when we
- 3 come back.
- 4 MR. MECHE: Okay. John, you got a lot of
- 5 stuff?
- 6 MR. DAVIS: No. I probably have about five
- 7 minutes.
- 8 MR. MECHE: Okay. Well, we'll -- Daniel,
- 9 if you don't mind, when we come back on the record and
- 10 you give us an estimate, we'll decide whether or not we
- 11 need to take a break for lunch. Is that -- is that okay
- 12 with everybody?
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: That's fine by me.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: It works for me.
- 15 MR. MECHE: All right. Thanks.
- 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That was off the record
- 17 at 1:45 p.m. Ending Take 2.
- 18 (Recess from 1:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.)
- 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're now back on the
- 20 record at 2:05 p.m. Starting Take 3.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) I meant to do this earlier,
- 22 just a little housekeeping thing.
- 23 Mr. Lagarde, you understand that today you
- 24 were asked to give binding testimony on behalf of the
- 25 company?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. On behalf of GLO?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Okay. And all the testimony that you've given
- 5 today, you have given to behalf of GLO; is that fair?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. I want to show you your deposition
- 8 notice. I'm sure you have a copy there in front of you.
- 9 You can either look at that or I'm going to pull it up
- 10 just for ease.
- 11 MR. SHEPPARD: Alan, I'm using yours. It
- 12 has the objections in there. So you don't have to
- 13 submit it yourself.
- 4 MR. MECHE: Great. Yeah, if you don't
- 15 marking it, it would be easier from your end than mine.
- 16 MR. SHEPPARD: Yeah, that's what I'm going
- 17 to do.
- 18 MR. MECHE: Thank you.
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: I believe that's Exhibit 8.
- 20 THE REPORTER: Correct.
- 21 (Exhibit 8 marked.)
- 22 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) All right. Subject to the -
- 23 the objections that were made, you are here to testify
- 24 on Topics 1 through 20; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Okay. Is there anyone else that has superior
- 2 knowledge to you on those topics?
- 3 A. No, sir.
- 4 Q. Okay. I'll probably get back to that as a
- 5 cleanup, but I think I've covered a lot of it. So I'm
- 6 going to pull this down.
- 7 Okay. I'm going to pull up the Root Cause
- 8 Analysis Form. Are you able to see that on the screen,
- 9 sir?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 And actually before I proceed, we took a
- 13 break a little while ago. Did you have an opportunity
- 14 to talk to your lawyer?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Did you have -- again, without getting into
- 17 content, did you have a discussion with him?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. How long was that discussion?
- 20 A. Five minutes, maybe.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is there anything -- any part of your
- 22 testimony that you've given today that you would like to
- 23 change, extend or amend?
- 24 A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. Yeah. It looks like the proportion of



- 1 the "Data Collection" on the -- for the Root Cause
- 2 Analysis, the -- Mr. -- Mr. Whittaker looked at the
- 3 "Incident Reports," the "Medical Reports," the "Risk
- 4 assessment records" and the "Training records"; correct?
- 5 A. Which I'm assuming the risk assessment would 6 have been the JSA.
- 7 Q. Right. I think it says "JSA verified" in
- 8 parentheses?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Okay. It looks like for part of the "Data
- 11 Collection" for the "People" aspect of it, again,
- 12 "Witness statements," "Days on hitch," "Hours on watch."
- 13 Those were the three things collected; correct?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. What's the importance of collecting
- 16 information related to the amount of -- the number of
- 17 days that a person has had on a particular hitch?
- 18 A. I actually -- I mean, I guess it's just to see
- 19 how many hours he was up and how many days he had been
- 20 on the hitch.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. You know, it could be if he's getting closer to
- 23 his days off, his mind might have been somewhere else
- 24 or -- or if he was closer to the end of his shift, it
- 25 may have been relevant as well.
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- 1 Q. Okay. Also it looks like for the "Environment' 2 part of the information that's collected is "Weather
- 3 information," "Workplace information," and it says "Any
- 4 housekeeping issues involved." Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Okay. It says the wind was
- 7 "10-KT-300 degrees." What does that mean?
- 8 A. Yeah. So the -- the wind was 10 knots. The
- 9 current was 1 knots. 300 degrees, I -- I don't know
- 10 what that one is.
- 11 Q. Okay. "Workplace information," it looks like
- 12 it's saying -- correct me if I'm wrong -- it says
- 13 "700 hours Back Deck/GC390." It looks like it is
- 14 describing the time of day that this took place and
- 15 maybe where on the vessel and where the vessel was --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. -- when the incident took place?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. Then it says, "Any housekeeping issues
- 20 involved," and it says "Deckload of cargo"; correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. It's not saying "Offload of cargo"; correct?
- 23 A. No. It says "Deckload of cargo."
- 24 Q. What does that mean?
- 25 A. It's what was on the back deck.

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 Q. Okay. Do you have any idea what the comment
- 2 that -- that is -- that is meant when someone writes
- 3 "Deckload of cargo"?
- 4 A. So, I guess what he meant was -- or what he's
- 5 saying is what was involved at the time of the -- at the
- 6 time of the incident -- incident.
- Q. Okay. Probably need to -- to be sure, though,
- 8 we need to speak to Mr. Whittaker; right?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Okay. "Data Collection," they're seeing if the
- 11 right equipment was used and if the right -- if he had
- 12 the right PPE, personal protective equipment; correct?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. And there's nothing wrong with Mr. Flora's PPE;
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay. One of the things they added after the
- 18 incident was a larger stinger; right?
- 19 A. That's what they have there, yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. I think we've covered the lessons
- 21 learned.
- 22 Now, it says "Description of the Incident."
- 23 Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. And it says this description is coming from

- 1 Lester James; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And Lester James was the captain of the vessel,
- 4 the master of the vessel at the time of the incident?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Okay. And it says that the boat went on a --
- 7 on a wave; correct?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, that's what it says.
- 9 Q. Okay. Then it says, "The headache ball hit
- 10 Mark on the hardhat, then his shoulder and then his
- 11 foot"; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. Then it says, "The headache ball was
- 14 caught on the cargo rail when the wave made the ball
- 15 fall"; correct?
- 16 A. That's what it says.
- 17 Q. Okay. One thing I noticed on this is there
- 18 a -- it says that the "Person or equipment involved is
- 19 the M/V MR. JAKE." Do you know what that is?
- 20 A. Where do you see that at?
- Q. It says right here, "Person or equipment
- 22 involved: M/V MR. JAKE."
- 23 A. He probably meant to put the MAGGIE A.
- 24 Q. Okay. So that's a -- that's an error on this
- 25 Summary Sheet; correct?



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- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. Was the only investigation done the
- 3 investigation that's contained in the Root Cause
- 4 Analysis?
- 5 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- A. Plus the accident report and the witnessstatements.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Anything else?
- 9 A. None that I've seen.
- 10 Q. Okay. Is there any that you're aware of?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Following this incident, has GLO taken
- 13 any -- made any changes to their policies and procedures
- 14 surrounding the offloading of cargo or the -- the -- the
- 15 things that people need to do when there is a crane
- 16 operation taking place onboard?
- 17 A. No, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. Would it have been reasonable to have
- 19 more people working on the MAGGIE A at the time of the
- 20 incident?
- 21 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 22 A. No, sir, I -- I don't think it would have made
- 23 a --
- 24 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay.
- 25 A. -- difference.

- Page 122 Q. Okay. Would it have been -- I'm just asking,
- 2 would it have been -- would it have been reasonable for
- 3 the MAGGIE A to have more people on the vessel, more
- 4 deckhands? Would that have been something reasonable
- 5 for the company to do?
- 6 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 7 A. Honestly, sir, that boat, it -- the Coast Guard
- 8 only makes us have one deckhand on the deck. We had 9 two.
- 9 IWO.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Would it have been
- 11 feasible to have more deckhands on the deck?
- 12 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 13 A. I don't see where it would have been feasible.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Would it have been
- 15 reasonable to have more than just the captain in the
- 16 wheelhouse supervising the operation?
- 17 A. It's not required by the Coast Guard. No.
- 18 Q. Okay. Would it have been feasible to have more
- 19 than one person in the wheelhouse supervising the
- 20 operation other than the captain?
- 21 A. I don't know that it would have any bearing on
- 22 it.
- 23 Q. Would it have been something that the company
- 24 could have done?
- 25 A. Honestly, no, I don't think so. I mean, we'd

- 1 have to hire more people. There's a lot involved in
- 2 that, sir,
- 3 Q. Okay. Would you agree that safety should be
- 4 the number one priority at GLO?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Would you agree with me that the responsibility
- 7 for implementing a complete safety program is vested in
- 8 the company?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. And would -- as the operations manager, is that
- 11 your responsibility to implement a complete safety
- 12 program and follow it?
- 13 A. Yes, sir. And I think we do that.
- 14 Q. Okay. Would you agree that safe means
- 15 eliminating all unnecessary and hazardous exposures?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. And would you agree with me that all accidents
- 18 must be fully investigated?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Would you agree with me that working on vessels
- 21 like the -- like the MAGGIE A can be dangerous work?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. And you need to make sure that there are enough
- 24 people out there to do the work; right?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. And, you know, GLO shouldn't rush its workers
- 2 on any particular job; right?
- 3 A. No, sir. We don't.
- 4 Q. Okay. And GLO shouldn't prioritize money over
- 5 safety, should they?
- 6 A. No, sir.
- 7 Q. And would you agree with me that workers of GLO
- 8 have been seriously injured while working for the
- 9 company?
- 10 A. What's your definition of "serious"?
- 11 Q. An injury requiring hospitalization.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Does it happen often, you know, monthly,
- 14 weekly, yearly?
- 15 A. No, sir. I'm -- I'm trying to think of the
- 16 last one, and I -- I can't.
- 17 Q. Okay. It's important to -- let's see, I think
- 18 I had that one.
- 19 GLO workers have the right to expect a safe
- 20 place to work; right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. And GLO workers have the right to expect that
- 23 the company will assign enough crew members for the work
- 24 that is being done by a vessel; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.



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- 1 Q. GLO workers have the right to expect that
- 2 masters will watch out for hazards while an operation is
- 3 going on; correct?
- 4 A. Yes, sir. Everybody has that responsibility.
- Q. Okay. GLO workers have the right to expect GLO
- 6 will not create a policy that would be unsafe; correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And certainly, you know, GLO workers aren't
- 9 going to do something that goes against maritime injury
- 10 standards; correct?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. Going back to the Root Cause Analysis. Is it
- 13 fair to say since there's no lessons learned documented
- 14 that there's no lessons learned forwarded to other crew
- 15 members or employees of GLO?
- 16 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 17 A. No, I don't think that's accurate, I mean...
- 18 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Are there any -- there are no
- 19 lessons learned documented on the Root Cause Analysis
- 20 Form completed by Randy Whittaker; correct?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. And if that's the truth -- if that's the case,
- 23 then what lessons were -- what lessons learned were
- 24 forwarded to other GLO employees and crew members?
- 25 A. It's not noted there. I don't know. I'm not

- 1 I want to go back and work them out so that they're not.
- 2 A. No, sir.
- 3 Q. Okay. Have you been --
- 4 A. It's been consistent.
- 5 Q. Sorry, go ahead.
- 6 A. Consistent.
- 7 Q. Consistent?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.

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- MR. MECHE: It's a compliment, Daniel.
- 10 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I just don't know
- 11 what it means.
- 12 THE WITNESS: You don't want me to -- you
- 13 don't want me to clarify that.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Have you been given a full
- 15 and fair opportunity to answer all the questions here
- 16 today?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did I make you feel stressed at any
- 19 point in the deposition?
- 20 A. I'm always stressed.
- 21 Q. Okay. But definitely not by me; right?
- 22 A. No. You just made it a little worse but not
- 23 too bad.
- 24 Q. I apologize.
- 25 Did I cut you off whenever you were trying

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1 saying that there wasn't none sent out, but there's none

- 2 noted there.
- Q. Okay. What three important lessons did GLO --4 GLO learn as a result of this incident?
- 5 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 6 A. You're asking me what three lessons we learned?
- 7 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Yes, sir.
- 8 A. Okay. A stop work should have been called. We
- 9 should have allowed one task to finish before attempting
- 10 to do a second. And we should have possibly recentered
- 11 the headache ball over the load as opposed to the cargo
- 12 rail.
- 13 Q. Okay. And at least two of those things that
- 14 you're saying that you learned from it, those weren't
- 15 contributing factors contained on the Root Cause
- 16 Analysis; correct?
- 17 A. Which was taken on the front side of things.
- 18 Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did GLO require anyone to appear for
- 20 additional training to make sure something like this
- 21 never happens again?
- 22 A. Nothing additional. We -- all of our guys are
- 23 trained.
- 24 Q. Okay. Have any of my questions in your opinion
- 25 been tricky or manipulative? Because if they have been,

- 1 to answer a question?
- 2 A. No, sir. You were very polite.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you were given all the time you
- 4 needed to take breaks when you wanted to?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. I know I've asked you this a few different
- 7 times, but I just want to make sure that I've got it all
- 8 buttoned up. Is there any question that you didn't
- 9 answer fully that you want to expand on?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. Okay.
 - MR. SHEPPARD: I can pass the witness.
- 13 MR. DAVIS: All right. Can you guys hear
- 14 me okay?

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- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 16 MR. SHEPPARD: Yep.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: All right. Give me one second.
- 18 I've got to switch headphones because during Daniel's
- 19 closing there I was getting the alert that my batteries
- 20 are dying on this current set. It will just take me a
- 21 minute.
- 22 I'm guessing you guys can hear me?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 24 MR. SHEPPARD: Yep.
- 25 MR. DAVIS: All right. I'm ready to



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1 proceed.

- 2 **EXAMINATION**
- 3 QUESTIONS BY MR. JOHN G.H. DAVIS:
- Q. Mr. Lagarde, my name is John Davis. And I'm an
- 5 attorney, and I represent Grande Isle Shipyards. Okay?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Our -- my -- my company is another company
- 8 that's been sued by Mr. Flora, and I just have a few
- 9 follow-up questions.
- 10 What is -- is it correct that you don't
- 11 know whether or not Grand Isle Shipyards was involved in
- 12 loading these particular cargo boxes?
- 13 A. That's correct, sir, I -- I don't know.
- 14 Q. And as I understand it, if -- if Grand Isle
- 15 Shipyards had done it, it was your testimony that there
- 16 would not be some sort of paper trail or payment trail
- 17 that could prove that up; is that true?
- 18 A. None that I could provide that I know of.
- 19 Q. Okay. Is there someone at the company that
- 20 would be -- that's in a better position to know that
- 21 than you?
- 22 A. No, sir. I mean, I --
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. The only -- the only thing I'm referring to is
- 25 maybe my captain can tell me if his riggers rigged that

- A. So --1
- 2 Q. Could you repeat that?
- 3 A. Can you repeat your question again?
- Q. Yeah. So -- so that the jury understands what 4
- 5 pre-slung means, there's -- there's -- it's true, is it
- 6 not, that there are four lines, two lines that are then
- 7 connected to a ring and then a crane can pick that up
- 8 kind of like you'd pick up a -- a grocery bag?
- A. Yes, sir. In a lot of cases, that's how it is.
- 10 Q. Okay. And is it your test -- it's your
- 11 testimony that when all those boxes are loaded from the
- 12 dock to the back deck all of those are pre-slung;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. I can tell you that we didn't sling them, the
- 15 boat.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. So, yes --
- Q. And --18
- 19 A. -- someone else --
- 20 Q. -- they have to be slung -- I'm sorry. I'm
- 21 talking over you because there's a delay. Go ahead.
- 22 A. Yes, sir. Someone else besides my crew slung
- 23 these boxes, or any lift, for that matter.
- 24 Q. Okay. I thought -- was it your testimony
- 25 earlier that you didn't know who was involved in the

- 1 night at the dock or if the -- the dockhands did it.
- 2 I -- maybe the captain can tell us that. I don't know.
- Q. And it's my understanding -- or at least it's
- 4 claimed by the Plaintiff in this lawsuit, Mr. Flora --
- 5 that some of these cargo boxes were pre-slung. Do you
- 6 know what that means?
- 7 A. Yes, sir. Most -- almost all lifts come 8 pre-slung.
- Q. I apologize. Let me -- I didn't realize I
- 10 wasn't in connection with you there.
- 11 So can you explain briefly to the ladies
- 12 and gentlemen of the jury what -- what it means when a
- 13 box or cargo is pre-slung?
- 14 A. Okay. So when it's loaded onto the boat, it's 15 already -- it already has its lifting mechanisms.
- 16 Q. Okay. And so as I understand it -- correct me
- 17 if I'm wrong, you don't have an agree with me --
- 18 essentially what you have is four lines that connect to
- 19 a ring, and that's what's picked up by the crane?
- 20 A. So I guess nec -- it doesn't necessarily have
- 21 four lines, but however they deem that is the safest to
- 22 rig the pre-slung someone else makes that decision.
- 23 That's beyond our scope. But we don't --Q. I'm sorry, I couldn't -- I had a problem
- 25 hearing the last part of your answer there.

- 1 actual rigging, that sometimes it is your crew and
- 2 sometimes it can be the folks working on the dock?
- A. Yes, sir. At the dock --
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. -- it could be -- it could be either/or or
- 6 both.
- Q. And would rigging include pre-slinging? 7
- A. Not with my side.
- 9 Q. Okay. And that's what -- that's what I was
- 10 trying to figure out when the used the term "rigging."
- 11 With respect to this particular incident,
- 12 did Mr. Flora continue to work after the accident?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. And do you recall or do you know how many days
- 15 he worked after the accident in connection with his
- 16 particular stint or shift?
- 17 A. So to my knowledge he completed his hitch.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Yes. sir.
- 20 Q. And do you -- and do you know if he returned to
- 21 begin another hitch with you-all?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. And what's the answer to that question?
- 24 A. So I'm a little unclear on that one because I
- 25 think he -- he -- we found him a captain spot, I think



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 1 at that point. And before he went home -- well, he had
- 2 to -- he had to go all the way to Houston, and I think
- 3 he had a few days he wanted off before going on to the
- 4 next as a captain. I think he may have requested to go
- 5 see the doctor before he went home. But, again, same
- 6 results; I mean, he got a return to work.
- 7 Q. The -- the incident, as you understand it, did
- 8 it have anything to do with how the boxes were slung?
- 9 A. None to my knowledge.
- 10 Q. And what I want to -- I'm going to share my
- 11 screen with you as soon as I can figure out how. Pull
- 12 up the proper document.
- 13 Okay. I have a pretty big monitor. Can
- 14 you see that?
- 15 A. Somewhat, yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. Can you see the full page even if you
- 17 can't read it?
- 18 A. Yeah. It's a little blurry. I apologize. I'm
- 19 just not --
- 20 Q. Okay. No, that's -- let's see if we can get it
- 21 a little bit better. Can you see it now?
- 22 A. I see -- I guess I can probably -- yeah,
- 23 that's -- I mean, the whole page --
- 24 Q. Let me -- I'm going to --
- 25 A. Go ahead.

- 1 A. This is -- this is something they fill out.
- 2 Q. All right. And do you know where they obtain
- 3 the information that's contained in it?
- 4 A. They could have talked to my guys on the boat.
- 5 I mean, that's --
- 6 Q. All right. And if we -- if we look down at the
- 7 bottom here -- let me know if you can't see it -- it
- 8 says "Person filling out report," and it says "Scott
- 9 Sepulvado." Do you see that? S-E-P-U-L-V-A-D-O.
- 10 A. I do, sir.
- 11 Q. Do you know him?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. Do you know Wilson Walley, which it
- 14 indicates is the LLOG company man?
- 15 A. No, sir.
- 16 Q. All right. So I want to talk to you about the
- 17 description here. We'll go to the part, it -- it reads
- 18 "Describe Worker Activity Prior to the Time of the
- 19 Incident," and it says, "The crane operator sent the
- 20 fast line down with tag lines to the M/V MAGGIE A in
- 21 order to offload the grocery box." What are tag lines?
- 22 A. Tag lines are generally put on the bottom of
- 23 the -- the cargo being lifted so that the riggers can
- 24 help guide, help guide the load from coming up or --
- 25 going up or down.

- 1 Q. I'm going to highlight a couple -- a couple
- 2 portions, and just let me know if they're legible to you
- 3 so that we can discuss them.
- 4 A. Yes, sir, I see that one.
- 5 Q. Okay. This is -- I don't know that it's been
- 6 marked as an exhibit. It's LLOG Exploration. Can you
- 7 tell us who that is?
- 8 A. That's -- that's the customer we were working 9 for.
- 10 Q. Okay. And the title of this document is what?
- 11 A. "Incident Reporting Program."
- 12 Q. And then if we go -- this is -- for the record,
- 13 it's GLO 00266. And if we go to the next page, it has
- 14 "Instructions." Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. All right. And then if we go to the next page,
- 17 which is the one I want to discuss with you, what is the
- 18 title of this page?
- 19 A. "Supervisor's First Report of Incident
- 20 Personnel Illness Slash -- Personal Injury/Illness
- 21 Report."
- 22 Q. Okay. And is this something that you-all fill
- 23 out, or is this something that -- in other words, is it
- 24 something LLOG requires you to fill out, or is this
- 25 something they fill out and provide you with a copy of?

- 1 Q. All right. I'm putting myself in the -- in the
- 2 jury box, and I still don't know what a tag line is.
- 3 I -- I kind of get a sense from your answer of what it
- 4 might help do, but I don't know what it is. Is it an
- 5 actual line of wire?
- 6 A. Generally they're made of rope.
- 7 Q. Okay. And are they looped? What do they look
- 8 like?
- 9 A. Sir, I couldn't tell you that.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. What do you mean "looped"?
- 12 Q. And --
- 13 A. What do you mean "looped"?
- 14 Q. Well, in other words, are they looped on the
- 15 end to connect to something?
- 16 A. They connect to the bottom of -- generally the
- 17 bottom of the cargo. And if --
- 18 Q. How do they do that? How is that connection
- 19 done? That's what I'm getting at.
- 20 A. Generally there's some -- sometimes most boxes
- 21 have places to tie tag lines or attach tag lines.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well, do they have some sort of
- 23 connection on the end of them? I mean, they're not just
- 24 loop -- loop -- loose lines hanging down; right?
- 25 A. Some of them are just tied.



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- 1 Q. Okay. And then if we look at the "Incident
- 2 Description," he says, "The crane operator stated that
- 3 the deckhands had removed the tag lines," I want to stop
- 4 right there. What is -- what is -- why would the
- 5 deckhands be removing the tag lines in this process?
- 6 A. Wait. Where -- where are you at, John?
- Q. Sure. If you look -- we're looking at the same
- 8 exhibit. We just went over "Describe Worker Activity
- 9 Prior to Time of the Incident," and now I'm looking at
- 10 "Incident Description (how the injury/illness person
- 11 described this incident)."
- 12 A. I -- I don't know why -- I don't know why they
- 13 would have removed them. But, I mean, it's not
- 14 something that's -- that's eye grabbing for me. Look,
- 15 on a previous load, they -- it may have been short a tag
- 16 line. So they might have taken that one while the --
- 17 the rig went -- went and got some more. And they --
- 18 they tied it to this other lift that they got -- had to
- 19 get off first. Maybe they took it off because it -- it
- 20 was in the way. I -- I don't know. I mean, you'd have
- 21 to ask the deckhand --
- 22 Q. Well --
- 23 A. -- there. It's -- it's really not eye grabbing
- 24 for me.
- 25 Q. Well, right. It may not be eye grabbing to

- 1 And all I've got aside from Mr. Flora's testimony is
- 2 I've got some incident reports. And one of the incident
- 3 reports, which was filled out by the customer, says that
- 4 the deckhands had removed the tag lines. You and I
- 5 talked about what a tag line does. And it -- then it
- 6 says that they "had removed them and were in the process
- 7 of attaching same" -- it's like a lawyer wrote this,
- 8 right -- "they were in the process of attaching same."
- 9 Do you know after -- after they come down and they're
- 10 being used to help, I don't know, guide connection,
- 11 after they're removed what are they attached to?
- 12 A. Man, I apologize, but I don't --
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: Objection, form.
- 14 A. -- follow you, brother. I -- I mean, look,
- 15 if -- so if the tag lines weren't there, they might have
- 16 taken them off again to use them on another lift. Maybe
- 17 they were in their way. They didn't want another lift
- 18 to land on them. It's not uncommon for them to take
- 19 them off and use them somewhere else or whatever. But
- 20 they would have reattached --

Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.

- 22 A. -- them before it went up so that when he does
- 23 lift it, they have -- they have -- the riggers have
- 24 something to hold onto besides touching the -- the lift
- 25 itself so that they can possibly, possibly help the box

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- 1 you, but to a jury that doesn't do this stuff and has
- 2 never been around it, what I'm trying to do is to get
- 3 you as someone who's in the industry who does this type
- 4 of work to give us a little more information so that the
- 5 jury can understand it. Okay?
- 6 A. Yes, sir, I understand.
- 7 Q. All right. So that first line says, "The crane
- 8 operator stated that the deckhands had removed the tag
- 9 lines and were in the proc" -- let me start over.
- 10 "The crane operator stated that the
- 11 deckhands had removed the tag lines and were in the
- 12 process of attaching same and hooking the stinger to the
- 13 grocery box." Do you see that line?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. It looks like the deckhands removed
- 16 these tag lines, and then were in -- it says "in the
- 17 process of attaching same." Do you know where they get
- 18 attached once they're removed?
- 19 A. Where they get attached?
- 20 Q. Yeah. Read the sentence.
- 21 A. Well, where they get reattached?
- 22 Q. Do they get -- I don't know. I don't know -- I
- 23 don't know if they get attached. I don't know if they
- 24 get reattached. I'm trying -- trying to understand what
- 25 they were doing at the moment the incident occurred.

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 1 from maybe hitting the side or hitting another --
- 2 another box. Same thing when it's coming down, sir.
- 3 That tag line is --
- 4 Q. Well, I --
- 5 A. That's -- that's the first thing that the --
- 6 that the rigger is going to try to reach for. You know,
- 7 instead of putting his hands on the -- on the box itself
- 8 or the lift, he's going to try to use that tag line
- 9 within his means, because, I mean, he's not going to
- 10 beat the crane. So he -- he's going to have to guide
- 11 that crane as well. But -- but, again, that the tag
- 12 line is used to help guide the -- the load, sir.
- 13 Q. Right. Well, so -- so -- correct me if I'm
- 14 wrong. If we look at the activity above, which says
- 15 "The crane operator sent the fast line down with the tag
- 16 lines" --
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. -- the way I read this next sentence is the
- 19 fast line comes down, it's got tag lines attached. And
- 20 now they've removed the tag lines from the fast line,
- 21 and then they're in the process of attaching it to the
- 22 actual cargo?
- 23 A. Correct. To the bottom side.
- 24 Q. Okay. All right. Is that how you read that?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.



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MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form.

- 2 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And then it says the
- 3 hooking -- "and hooking the stinger to the grocery box."
- 4 Explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what the
- 5 stinger is.

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- 6 A. So the stinger, it would have been off of
- 7 the -- off of the -- coming off of the block of the --
- 8 of the -- of the crane; and that stinger, they would
- 9 have been trying to hook the D-ring from the actual
- 10 cargo box. They were going to try to hook that onto the
- 11 hook of the stinger.
- 12 Q. Okay. And that D-ring is connected to the
- 13 sling?
- 14 A. That D-ring is connected to the slings of the
- 15 cargo box, correct.
- 16 Q. Got it.
- 17 So -- so that the jury understands then,
- 18 you've got -- now you've got this line that's come down.
- 19 It's got the stinger on the end. That's the part that's
- 20 going to connect to what, you know, anecdotically we
- 21 described as the shopping bag handles earlier so they
- 22 can lift the cargo up; correct?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. All right. And it says, "During this time
- 25 there was a heave in the boat that caused the headache

- 1 Let me see if I've got it over here. Don't get dizzy
- 2 The -- I believe you went over this with
- 3 Mr. Flora's attorney earlier. Would it be a fair
- 4 summary of this incident that essentially what happened
- Summary of this incident that essentially what happene
- 5 based upon these reports is that Mr. Flora's job out
- 6 there was to connect the stinger to -- to the D-ring
- 7 that's a part of the sling that's connected to the
- 8 cargo, and as he was making that connection there was a
- 9 swell or a wave that brought the vessel higher, which
- 10 then resulted in essentially the headache ball coming
- 11 down further than was intended, that it caught part of
- 12 the cargo and then as it came up it -- it bumped into
- 13 Mr. Flora?
- 14 A. That's not in the initial --
- 15 MR. SHEPPARD: Objection, form. Vague.
- 16 A. It's not in the initial reporting. The initial
- 17 reporting, I don't think it mentioned anything about
- 18 the -- the wave in his report. I mean --
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Which report are you referring
- 20 to?
- 21 A. His incident report, his witness statement, the
- 22 initial one. But, I mean, I don't know. I mean, I --
- 23 did he -- was he asking for slack? Maybe he asked for
- 24 too much slack. Did the crane operator give --
- 25 Q. Well, it --

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- 1 A. -- him too much slack?
 - MR. SHEPPARD: Object as --
 - 3 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And what --
- 4 MR. SHEPPARD: -- nonresponsive.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Yeah. What -- what I'm trying
- 6 to figure out is we've got a description of the
- 7 accident. And -- and correct me if I'm -- if I'm wrong
- 8 or I'm misreading this, but what's described to me is
- 9 that you've got a wave or a swell presumptively that
- 10 raises the boat; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Which means that brings the -- does that bring
- 13 the headache ball closer to Mr. Flora, or does -- does
- 14 everything rise and fall with the boat as well?
- 15 A. Okay. So, yeah, if -- if it were sitting on
- 16 the cargo rail or the -- or the box, it could have came
- 17 falling down. Now, what caused it to fall, I don't
- 18 know.

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- 19 Q. Okay. Did --
- 20 A. But, sir, I'll say this, if it were sitting on
- 21 the cargo box or the cargo rail, there was
- 22 miscommunication well before that.
- 23 Q. Well, the crane that's being operated --
- 24 MR. SHEPPARD: Objection, nonresponsive.
 - Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Yeah. And I want to be clear

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- 1 ball for the fast line to catch onto and lift with the
- 2 grocery box." Can -- can you describe to the ladies and
- 3 gentlemen of the jury what the headache ball is on the
- 4 fast line as compared to the stinger?
- 5 A. So, I mean, look, I'm not a -- I'm not the
- 6 crane guy or anything like that, but I'll give you my7 opinion of it.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. The -- the headache ball is -- is -- is before
- 10 the stinger, that the stinger hangs below the headache
- 11 ball. And there's a -- there's a hooking mechanism at
- 12 the bottom of the stinger that the D-ring hooks onto
- 13 from the cargo slings?
- 14 Q. Got it. And so if -- if the headache ball for
- 15 the fast line catches onto the grocery box, does that
- 16 have anything to do with the sling?
- 17 A. Not in my opinion. I mean, no. It sounds like
- 18 the -- it could have been that the -- you know, there
- 19 was miscommunication on when -- when stopping the -- the
- 20 lower from coming down -- the ball from coming down a
- 21 little bit too much or -- or what. I don't know. I
- 22 mean, I didn't --
- 23 Q. Does -- can you tell us after having looked at
- 24 the description provided by LLOG, as well as the
- 25 incident report -- and we can look at that if you want.

- 1 about this. The -- the process here was cargo was
- 2 loaded onto the vessel. The vessel moved to another
- 3 area. And then the cargo was in the process of being
- 4 offloaded; correct?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Okay. And the crane that was doing the
- 7 offloading was not located on the vessel but was located
- 8 on another deck; correct?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Dock. Excuse me. I shouldn't say deck.
- 11 On -- on another dock; correct?
- 12 A. No, sir, not a dock. They were offshore.
- 13 Q. Okay. It was a deck, then.
- 14 But the -- the point being that if -- if
- 15 the -- if the -- the crane that is actually picking up
- 16 the cargo that was on your-all's also vessel doesn't
- 17 rise and fall with your-all's vessel; correct? It -- it
- 18 rises and falls with its own -- its own vessel or
- 19 platform; fair?
- 20 A. The boat --
- 21 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form.
- 22 A. -- does go up and down, yes.
- 23 MR. SHEPPARD: Vague.
- 24 A. And if the boat --
- 25 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) But your -- the -- the crane

1 lifting your cargo isn't on your boat; correct?

- 1 Q. And a witness statement --
- 2 MR. SHEPPARD: Objection, form.
- 3 Misleading.
- Q. (BY MR. MECHE) And a witness statement that was 4
- 5 completed by Mr. Bruce Bolt?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. Were any other incident reports or
- 8 witness statements collected on the boat from the Gulf
- 9 Logistics Operating crew?
- 10 A. None that I'm aware of.
- 11 Q. So these -- these three documents -- the
- 12 incident report, the two witness statements -- that was
- 13 the basis of the initial investigation for GLO?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, those documents were completed --
- 16 well, I'll just ask you: When were those -- those
- 17 documents completed?
- 18 A. 5/25/17, 5/25/17 and 5/25/17.
- 19 Q. Okay. And I think you testified earlier that
- 20 according to Captain James' report at the specific
- 21 moment of the incident he had turned his attention to
- 22 the DP screen; correct?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. And he did not see the actual incident occur?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

Page 146 Page 148 Q. All right. Where would Captain James get the

- 2 information about what happened that he didn't see with A. No. sir.
- Q. Okay. And so if your boat is going up and down
- 4 that can affect the proximity of the headache ball to 5 someone like Mr. Flora if he's near it and on your boat;
- 6 correct?

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- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: All right. That's all I have
- 10 for you, sir.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 12 MR. MECHE: I've got a few questions for
- 13 the witness.
- 14 **EXAMINATION**
- 15 QUESTIONS BY MR. ALAN J. MECHE:
- 16 Q. Mr. Lagarde, if I understand your earlier
- 17 testimony to Captain Flora's lawyer, the con -- the
- 18 investigation that was conducted offshore by the crew
- 19 consisted -- the crew of the MAGGIE A, excuse me,
- 20 consisted of an incident report that was completed by
- 21 Captain Lester James; correct?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. And a witness statement that was completed by
- 24 Captain Flora?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 3 his own eyes?
- 4 A. From the people that were on the deck, Flora 5 and Bolt.
- Q. Okay. So for that information he didn't see it
- 7 with his own eyes, he's getting his information from
- 8 Captain Flora and Bruce Bolt?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. All right. Earlier -- and I believe --
- 11 MR. MECHE: Guys, did we mark the Root
- 12 Cause Analysis?
- 13 MR. SHEPPARD: Yes.
- 14 THE REPORTER: Exhibit 4.
- Q. (BY MR. MECHE) All right. Exhibit 4 was the 15
- 16 Root Cause Analysis. Can you take a look at when
- 17 Randy Whittaker completed that report?
- 18 A. May 27, '17.
- Q. Okay. Do you know whether Randy Whittaker had 19
- 20 anything to base his report on other than the
- 21 investigative reports that we just described for
- 22 Gulf Logistics?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- 24 Q. All right. If Mark Flora had factual
- 25 information about what happened to him that he did not



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- 1 provide Gulf Logistics, would that Root Cause Analysis
- 2 be complete?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Would it be accurate?
- 5 MR. SHEPPARD: Objection, form. Vague.
- 6 A. No.
- Q. (BY MR. MECHE) All right. I want you to
- 8 assume, Mr. Lagarde -- you don't have to agree with
- 9 me -- but I want you to assume that Mark Flora testified
- 10 that before the incident occurred he felt that the
- 11 headache ball was too close to him. I want you to
- 12 assume that. Was that information provided in his
- 13 witness statement?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know whether or not he provided that
- 16 information to Randy Whittaker?
- 17 A. I don't know that he did.
- 18 Q. If he didn't provide that information to be
- 19 included in the analysis for the root cause, would the
- 20 Root Cause Analysis be complete in your opinion?
- 21 A. No, sir.
- 22 Q. All right. I want you to assume that
- 23 Mark Flora testified that a heaving of the boat caused
- 24 by a wave was not the cause of his incident, that he
- 25 identified a short stinger and he identified the

- 1 Mark Flora provided to this Court and this jury in his
- 2 deposition, if those pieces of information had not been
- 3 provided to Gulf Logistics, how would you have known?
- 4 A. I wouldn't have.
- 5 Q. Now, when you hired Mark Flora, he wasn't just
- 6 some deckhand, was he?
- 7 A. So I didn't do the actual hiring. But, no,
- 8 I -- I -- I did know that we were hiring a 1,600-ton
- 9 captain, and he was going to come on as a -- as a
- 10 deckhand waiting on a captain position. And I said,
- 11 "Wow." I said, "That doesn't happen too often" -- like
- 12 I didn't ever remember that happening -- "but I welcome
- 13 it. That's an experienced guy."
- 14 Q. What was going on in the offshore economy that
- 15 would cause a 1,600-ton master to take a deckhand
- 16 position?
- 17 A. So there was a downturn --
- 18 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form.
- 19 Speculation.
- 20 A. There was a downturn. And he wasn't the only
- 21 captain that we hired in a deckhand position. He was
- 22 the only 1,600-ton captain that I can remember.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) And -- and what you do, is that
- 24 kind of the top of the heap, so to speak, in terms of
- 25 the captains?

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- 1 crashing of the headache ball and cables that happened
- 2 in a split second. I want you to assume that that's
- 3 what he testified to. Did he provide that information
- 4 in his witness statement?
- 5 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form.
- 6 Mischaracterizes --
- 7 A. No.
- 8 MR. SHEPPARD: -- the evidence.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) Did he provide that information
- 10 to Gulf Logistics Operating or Randy Whittaker in
- 11 advance of the Root Cause --
- 12 MR. SHEPPARD: Same --
- 13 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) -- Analysis report being done?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 MR. SHEPPARD: Same objection.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) If he had those factual pieces
- 17 of information and did not provide that to the company,
- 18 is it your -- what is your opinion about whether or not
- 19 the Root Cause Analysis is complete or accurate?
- 20 A. It wouldn't --
- 21 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form. Asked and
- 22 answered.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 24 A. It wouldn't have been complete.
- 25 Q. Those things, those factual details that

- A. That's a big license, it really is.
- 2 Q. But he wanted to take that deckhand position
- 3 why?
- 4 A. He -- he wanted to work.
- 5 Q. Was there some sort of an endorsement that he
- 6 was looking for?
- 7 A. So if -- if memory serves me right, I think he
- 8 was trying to get on one the DP2 boats so that he can
- 9 get that sea time so he can apply for that.
- 10 Q. Okay. And I think -- I think it was Mr. Davis
- 11 who asked you some questions about subsequent hitches
- 12 that Captain Flora worked for Gulf Logistics after the
- 13 incident that we're here to talk about. Remember those
- 14 questions?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. In fact, he did get promoted to a captain
- 17 position after this incident occurred; true?
 - 18 A. Yes, sir.
 - 19 Q. What boat did he go to work on?
 - 20 A. He went on -- on the MS. ELISSA.
 - 21 Q. How long did he work on that boat?
 - 22 A. I think he made his full hitch.
 - 23 Q. And then what happened to him after that?
 - 24 A. I think he chose to -- he -- he found other
 - 25 employment. If memory serves me right, I think that he



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- 1 wanted to go and do some hurricane relief cleanup,
- 2 maybe, or -- or something. I don't remember exactly
- 3 what they had said.
- 4 Q. We were talking a few moments ago about the
- 5 Root Cause Analysis and your opinions that that document
- 6 can't be complete if all of the factual information that
- 7 Mark Flora has provided via testimony was never provided
- 8 to the company. Do you remember that testimony?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Okay. Is that why the company suggests that
- 11 captains don't try to assign blame on the day of the
- 12 incident, because they may not have all the information
- 13 available?
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form. Asked --
- 16 A. They --
- 17 MR. SHEPPARD: -- and answered.
- 18 A. They may not have all the facts.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) And clearly in this situation,
- 20 Captain Lester James didn't see the incident; true?
- 21 A. True.
- 22 Q. And he's limited to what he was told by others?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. Now, moving around a little bit. There was --
- 25 I don't recall if we marked the -- the cargo manifest in

- 1 to have one when they're traveling with it. And back in
- 2 the day, they used to have to send it back up. But now
- 3 a lot of times they'll email that; you know, the dock
- 4 will email it to the -- to the -- to the location going
- 5 offshore.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And we -- I mean, look, some -- some boats may
- 8 keep it, you know. But it's cumbersome. It's a lot,
- 9 and we don't keep it.
- 10 Q. All right. We've had a lot of testimony about
- 11 what information Gulf Logistics has or doesn't have
- 12 regarding who may have loaded the boat. I want to make
- 13 sure that that's clear on the record.
- 14 Am I to understand your testimony is that
- 15 there are times where riggers who are part of the crew
- 16 of the MAGGIE A may assist in loading the boat?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. But they do that on the vessel. Never
- 19 dockside; is that true?
- 20 A. No, sir, we -- we don't work on the dockside.
- 21 Q. Okay. You don't work on the dockside.
- 22 And with regard to whoever is on the
- 23 dockside loading the boat, you don't have any
- 24 information one way or the other as to what company did
- 25 that in this case?

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- 1 this case. But I think you were shown the cargo
- 2 manifest by Mr. Sheppard. Do you recall that?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Tell the Court and the jury how is it that that
- 5 cargo manifest is used with respect to Gulf Logistics
- 6 and whether or not you guys keep a copy of that.
- 7 A. So the majority of times the way it's supposed
- 8 to happen is that we'll receive at the dock -- we'll --
- 9 before the boat is loaded, we'll take a look at the
- 10 manifest, the -- the dispatcher and them will discuss
- 11 load-out and -- and things of that nature. Generally
- 12 they're given -- they're given a copy to bring offshore.
- 13 This is all done by email a lot of times, too. So they
- 14 may not get a hard copy. They may -- they may send it
- 15 by email. But the answer to your question is, yeah, my
- 16 guys look at that generally to see exactly what's going
- 17 to be coming on the boat --
- 18 Q. If --
- 19 A. -- things of that nature?
- 20 Q. If Gulf Logistics is provided with a copy of
- 21 the cargo manifest at the dock where the boat is loaded,
- 22 do they deliver that to the either platform drillship
- 23 where they're working?
- 24 A. If -- if they're given one. Generally -- I
- 25 mean, generally they have to have one. They're supposed

- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. Now, here's my question: Do you know
- 3 whether the folks loading the boat are the same folks
- 4 that employ the crane operator on the dock?
- 5 A. I -- I don't know that.
- 6 Q. That's not information you provide?
- 7 A. No, sir.
- 8 Q. The folks on the dock and the folks that
- 9 operate the crane, those are not employed by
- 10 Gulf Logistics Operating?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. In fact, you don't contractually make
- 13 arrangements for those people, do you?
- 14 A. None
- 15 Q. Do you know who does?
- 16 A. I'm assuming the LLOGs of the world have
- 17 contracts with the dock itself.
- 18 Q. Okay. So you believe that -- that whoever was
- 19 responsible for loading and -- loading the boat or
- 20 operating the crane that is the subject of what we're
- 21 here to talk about that would have been made --
- 22 arrangements would have been made through your customer,
- 23 LLOG?
- 24 A. I would assume that, yes.
- 25 Q. It's outside of Gulf Logistics' field?



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A. Yes.

- 2 Q. All right. Lester James, Captain Lester James
- 3 that's been talked about in this deposition, is he still
- 4 employed by the company?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Has he been employed by the company since this
- 7 incident occurred, or did he have a break at any point?
- A. No, I don't think he's had any break.
- 9 Q. Okay. So he's been there the whole time?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How -- how big a boat, if you can give us a 11
- 12 rough estimate of how long this boat is. Can you tell
- 13 us?
- 14 A. 205 foot.
- 15 Q. Is there -- based on your knowledge of either
- 16 company policy, or any policy, is there any prohibition
- 17 to operating a 205-foot vessel in 6- to 7-foot swell?
- 18 A. I -- again, I don't -- I don't put numbers --
- 19 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form.
- 20 Speculation.
- 21 A. I don't put a number on seas. But through my
- 22 experience, when they say 6 or 7 foot, that's -- it's
- 23 not that bad.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) Did you know, Mr. Lagarde, that
- 25 there were several lifts that were done before the one

- Q. You were asked some questions about the
- 2 pre-slinging of cargo. Is that ever the job of
- 3 Gulf Logistics operating crew members to pre-sling any
- 4 cargo?
- A. No, sir. So I'll say this. Now, if -- if --
- 6 if for some reason my riggers notice that there's a
- 7 stinger -- I mean, one of the cables, the slings are
- 8 bad, then they call the rig and they call the dock and
- 9 let them know that. And nine times out of ten, the rig
- 10 will send somebody down and rehook or the dock will do
- 11 the sling.
- 12 Q. In fact, before the MAGGIE A leaves the dock,
- 13 are the riggers onboard the boat required to do a visual
- 14 inspection of the cargo and the rigging that's loaded?
- 15 A. Yeah. So that's part of the -- their
- 16 post-voyage, that's one of the things that the crew
- 17 should do, is walk around the boat and make sure that
- 18 everything is secure.
- 19 Q. You mean pre-voyage?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. All right.
- 22 A. Did I say post?
- 23 Q. You said post.
- 24 A. I'm just looking toward the end, I guess, huh.
- 25 Q. But you meant before -- before the boat leaves

Page 158 1 where Captain Flora was -- was injured? Did you know

- 2 that?
- 3 A. As I understand now, yes.
- Q. If -- if there was any weather conditions --
- 5 seas, wind, current or anything else -- that
- 6 Captain Flora felt uncomfortable with, what was he
- 7 supposed to do?
- A. Call stop work authority.
- 9 Q. Okay. Does he have the right to do that?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Does he have the obligation to do --
- 12 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 MR. SHEPPARD: -- asked and answer.
- 15 A. So does everyone onboard.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) Everybody does; right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. When Gulf Logistics hired Captain Flora and
- 19 allowed him to work in a deckhand position until a -- a
- 20 captain's position came open, did you -- did you require
- 21 him to set his license and his training aside, or was he
- 22 required to use the training and license that he had in
- 23 doing his daily duties?
- 24 A. Oh, no. Not set it side. We welcomed the
- 25 experience.

- 1 the dock --
- A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. If Captain Flora, when -- when the boat -- the
- 6 MAGGIE A arrives at the drillship, if he observes that a
- 7 piece of cargo has shifted to a point where he believed
- 8 it would be unsafe to deal with it, what is he supposed
- 9 to do?
- 10 A. Stop the job.
- 11 Q. Earlier you were asked some questions at the
- 12 beginning of the deposition to give your opinion about
- 13 what three causes of the incident were, and at the end
- 14 of the deposition you were asked to give three lessons
- 15 that were learned about this incident.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. If Mark Flora had provided the factual details
- 18 about this accident that he did in his deposition to
- 19 Gulf Logistics when the incident happened, would you
- 20 have that information at the front end instead of the
- 21 back end?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 MR. SHEPPARD: Object to form. Confusing.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. MECHE) When we were talking about the
- 25 SEMS manual earlier and you -- you mentioned that some



- 1 of the information in the SEMS manual applies to -- did
- 2 you say ISM code?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. This particular vessel doesn't fall
- 5 under the ISM code?
- A. No, sir.
- 7 Q. Do you have a separate SEMS manual for every
- 8 class of vessel that you have?
- 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 Q. You've got one SEMS manual. And -- and if it
- 11 is ISM code, then that would apply to that vessel;
- 12 right?
- 13 A. Apply to that vessel.
- 14 Q. This --
- 15 THE REPORTER: Keep your voice up,
- 16 Mr. Lagarde.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?
- 18 THE REPORTER: Keep your voice up a little
- 19 bit, Mr. Lagarde.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm getting a
- 21 little tired.
- 22 THE REPORTER: Thank you.
- 23 MR. MECHE: All right. I'm going to pass
- 24 the witness. We'll reserve the rest of ours until the
- 25 time of trial, unless you guys have some more.

- 1 Q. Okay. Sorry, I asked a bad a question with a
- 2 negative.
- 3 The SEMS manual does not provide a
- 4 distinction between one vessel or another. It says each
- 5 vessel must complete certain reports; correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Okay. Do you have any information about which
- 8 riggers actually did the rigging of the Conex box in
- 9 question?
- 10 A. Where at, sir?
- 11 Q. You said that -- that the riggers were
- 12 responsible for performing an inspection before the
- 13 vessel left the dock; correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Which riggers did the inspection?
- 16 A. Riggers/deckhands, my guys, before -- before
- 17 leaving the dock, the crew, they would have walked
- 18 around, made sure that everything was secure, among --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. -- quite a few other things as well. But that
- 21 is part of their -- you know, just walk around, make
- 22 sure everything is good.
- 23 Q. Okay. When it's at the dock, do you have two
- 24 of the deckhands on, two of the deckhands off, or how
- 25 does that work?

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- Page 162 MR. SHEPPARD: I've got a couple
- 2 follow-ups.

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- 3 FURTHER EXAMINATION
- 4 QUESTIONS BY MR. DANIEL J. SHEPPARD:
- 5 Q. Just pick up where you left off there. You
- 6 said that the -- the SEMS manual applies to all the
- 7 vessels in the fleet, but some of the provisions apply
- 8 to the GIS and some of prov -- some provisions don't.
- 9 Is that your testimony?
- 10 A. GIS?
- 11 Q. Sorry, I may -- I used the wrong acronym. I'm
- 12 sorry. It's floating through my head.
- 13 MR. DAVIS: Objection, form.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Sorry. You just testified
- 15 that some of the provisions applied to some of the
- 16 vessels, other provisions don't; is that correct?
- 17 A. So I don't require the MAGGIE A to do the
- 18 end-of-the-year review report. That's not saying that
- 19 they don't. That's not saying that they didn't or
- 20 don't, but it's not something that would be audited on
- 21 my end, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. And, again, the manual doesn't
- 23 distinguish between two classes of vessels. It says
- 24 each vessel shall do it; correct?
- 25 A. No, sir, it does not.

- 1 A. Wait. I don't know if I'm following you there.
- 2 Two of the deckhands on, two -- this --
- 3 Q. So for the -- for the particular journey we're
- 4 talking about, there were four deckhands that were
- 5 available to perform work aboard the vessel; correct?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. While the vessel was at dock, are you saying
- 8 that all four deckhands were working at the same time,
- 9 or were two deckhands working and two deckhands weren't?
- 10 A. No. Two deckhands would have been sleeping, I
- 11 would assume.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you know which deckhands performed
- 13 the initial inspection of the cargo as it was leaving
- 14 the dock?
- 15 A. No. No, sir, I don't.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. It looks --
- 18 Q. So it could have been --
- 19 A. It could have been the captain that did the
- 20 walk-around.
- 21 Q. Okay. Understood.
- 22 There's some questions about whether or not
- 23 you had all the information you needed in order to
- 24 complete the risk assessment. Is -- is GLO contesting
- 25 that there was a swell that caused the headache ball to

- 1 fall on Mr. Flora?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. Because that information is also
- 4 contained in the witness statements from LLOG: correct?
- 5 A. I guess I read that. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. Okay. What other information do you need --
- 7 did you need from Mr. Flora in order for that report to
- 8 be complete?
- 9 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 10 A. Just some other items that were listed in his
- 11 summary that I read that wasn't in the -- in the initial
- 12 investigation.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Could you be specific and let
- 14 me know what those things were that needed to be part of
- 15 the initial investigation?
- 16 A. If I remember right, in his -- in his incident
- 17 report, I don't think he mentions anything about the --
- 18 a swell. He didn't mention anything about the stinger
- 19 being too short.
- 20 Q. Okay. You're aware that on the Root Cause
- 21 Analysis it says that a larger stinger was added after
- 22 the incident; correct?
- 23 A. That was done on -- what -- what date did I say
- 24 that was done?
- 25 Q. On the 27th of May, 2017.

- pe 165 Page 167 1 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) I don't if this is a long
 - 2 summary or a short summary. If it's something that
 - 3 you're able to read, you're welcome to do so. Take the
 - 4 opportunity if you want. Would you like an opportunity
 - 5 to read Mr. Flora's summary?
 - A. No, sir.
 - 7 Q. Okay. You also said that it doesn't say in
 - 8 Mr. Flora's statement that the -- the vessel went up on
 - 9 a -- that it heaved and it went up on a swell or a wave;
 - 10 right?
 - 11 A. That the -- that the -- the incident report
 - 12 didn't say that?
 - 13 Q. Correct.
 - 14 A. I'm pretty sure it did.
 - 15 Q. It -- it did say that -- Mr. Flora's did say
 - 16 the vessel heaved?
 - 17 MR. MECHE: Daniel, I'm confused. Are you
 - 18 talking about Flora's statement or the incident report?
 - 19 MR. SHEPPARD: So I'll back up a little bit
 - 20 here.
 - 21 MR. MECHE: Thank you.
 - 22 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) You said that one of the --
 - 23 there -- there's a lot of the things that you wanted --
 - 24 that were in Mr. Flora's deposition that -- that needed
 - 25 to be part of this information provided to GLO in order
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- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. So the -- the information needed to make
- 3 that assessment was provided to Mr. Whittaker before he
- 4 wrote his report; correct?
- 5 A. Yeah, he wrote his --
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. -- initial report.
- 8 Q. Okay. What other information did you require
- 9 from Mr. Flora to -- in order for this report to be
- 10 complete?
- 11 A. I'd have to look at the summary again.
- 12 Q. You're welcome to take your time and look at
- 13 the summary if you want. If it's work product --
- 15 down here.

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- 16 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) -- I'm not going to -- I'm
- 17 not going to ask for it.
- 18 MR. MECHE: We don't have the summary down

MR. MECHE: Yeah. We -- we don't have it

- 19 here, and I'm not shutting down the deposition so that
- 20 he can read Flora's deposition.
- 21 MR. SHEPPARD: I thought it was a summary
- 22 that was written. If -- if -- I want to make sure we're
- 23 covering all the bases here, and I just need to --
- 24 MR. MECHE: Okay. What's your question?
- 25 MR. SHEPPARD: Yeah. Sure.

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 1 for them to write a Root Cause Analysis. And I want to
- 2 make sure that we discuss what other information that
- 3 the company says it needed to perform that task.
- 4 With that line -- with that line of
- 5 thought, is there any information that you can think of
- 6 that the company needed in order to finalize the Root
- 7 Cause Analysis Form?
- 8 A. So --
- 9 MR. MECHE: Objection, form.
- 10 A. I mean, we talked about the -- there was
- 11 some -- some discussion. He said that he felt as though
- 12 the headache ball was close to him. Well, that's --
- 13 that's -- that's a sign right there. If it's too close,
- 14 he should have asked the guy to pick it back up.
- 15 That's -- that's -- I mean, I think that's
- 16 probably something that we didn't know in the front
- 17 side. If he thought it was too close to him, he should
- 18 have said something and he should have stopped the job.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. SHEPPARD) Okay. Anything else you can
- 20 think of?
- 21 A. I just thought I had read where he said in his
- 22 testimony, is that the headache ball just came falling
- 23 down; like it had so much slack in it, that it fell. I
- 24 don't know that he said anything about a wave causing it
- 25 to come down.



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1 Q. Okay.

- 2 A. That wasn't his testimony, I think.
- 3 Q. Do you understand that -- Lester James, he
- 4 mentions the wave, doesn't he?
- 5 A. He must have heard that from Flora or Bolt.
- 6 Q. Okay. And that information was provided to
- 7 Mr. Whittaker before he wrote his report, wasn't it?
- A. Okay.
- 9 Q. Okay. What's the -- what -- what's the purpose
- 10 of the stinger? What do you use that for?
- 11 A. That's the portion that the cargo is hooked up 12 to.
- 13 Q. Okay. And it's a -- there's -- you have
- 14 stingers that are small size, medium size and large
- 15 size; correct?
- 16 A. So that's -- that's going to be above me on the
- 17 stinger side. But it's my understanding, sir, yeah,
- 18 that there -- there are different sizes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And a larger stinger wouldn't mean that
- 20 it's like a thicker stinger. It would mean that it has
- 21 more -- more cable. So it has -- instead of being
- 22 2 foot long, maybe it's 4 foot long. Does that make
- 23 sense?
- 24 A. That could be -- that could be an example.
- Q. Okay. So if -- if one of the things that

- 1 the MAGGIE A; is that correct?
- 2 A. That's an assumption on my part, that the
- 3 contract between the dock is between the dock and the --
- 4 and the oil company, yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 MR. SHEPPARD: I can pass the witness.
- 7 MR. MECHE: John, do you have anything
- 8 else? John, are you with us?
- 9 MR. DAVIS: I am. Sorry, my mute was like
- 10 four screens back.
- 11 No, I don't have any furth -- further
- 12 questions at this time.
- 13 MR. MECHE: All right. The only thing I
- 14 have, Daniel, is did we mark the Gulf Logistics
- 15 Operating incident report and the witness statements of
- 16 Flora and Bolt.
- 17 MR. SHEPPARD: Let's go ahead and mark them
- 18 as the next one. I think that puts us at 10.
- 19 THE REPORTER: 9. I have it at 9.
- 20 MR. MECHE: Yeah. Let's go ahead and mark
- 21 that in globo. It's a -- it's a three-page incident
- 22 report -- actually, excuse me, it's a four-page, because
- 23 the JSA is attached to it. A four-page incident report,
- 24 a one-page witness report of Mark Flora and a one-page
- 25 witness report of Bruce Bolt, we'll mark that in globo

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- 1 Mr. -- that's in this report here says that a larger
- 2 stinger is needed after the incident, wouldn't that be
- 3 indicative of maybe the headache ball is a little too
- 4 close to Mr. Flora and a larger stinger would be
- 5 necessary?
- 6 A. So, I mean, that would have been an assumption,
- 7 I guess, you're saying. But, I mean, I don't know that
- 8 he said that is what I'm saying, sir.
- 9 Q. Okay. Well, what I'm saying is as part of the
- 10 report one of the things that is indicated in there is
- 11 that a larger stinger would be needed. And if that's --
- 12 if that's being -- if that's needed because to put some
- 13 distance between Mr. Flora and the headache ball, then
- 14 that would be information that was provided to GLO
- 15 before Mr. Whittaker wrote his report; correct?
- 16 A. Yeah. I mean, the thing about it is that he
- 17 got that information from Flora more than likely. And
- 18 if Flora felt that, he could have stopped the job and
- 19 sent it back up.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. And he actually used that stinger for other
- 22 lifts, as I understand it.
- 23 Q. One other thing you've testified to is you
- 24 think LLOG have made arrangements with the folks at the
- 25 dock who performed the initial loading of the cargo on

- 1 as Exhibit Number 9.
- MR. SHEPPARD: Just to be clear, I thought
- 3 Exhibit 9 was the LLOG incident reporting program?
- 4 THE REPORTER: Was that presented by
- 5 Mr. Davis, because he didn't indicate for it to be
- 6 marked?
- 7 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. I thought -- I wrote
- 8 it down as a marked. Sorry.
- 9 MR. MECHE: John, did you mark that?
- 10 MR. DAVIS: Which one, the LLOG -- the LLOG
- 11 incident, I did not mark it.
- 12 MR. MECHE: Okay. So Exhibit Number 9
- 13 in globo will be those documents that I just described
- 14 on the record.
- 15 (Exhibit 9 marked.)
- 16 MR. MECHE: Ralph, you have the -- the
- 17 right but not the obligation to read and sign your
- 18 deposition or you can waive that right. What would you
- 19 like to do?
- 20 THE WITNESS: I'll waive it.
- 21 MR. MECHE: He's going to waive his right.
- 22 MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. And I'd like to make
- 23 just Exhibit 10 to be that LLOG incident reporting
- 24 program.
- 25 (Exhibit 10 marked.)



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SAMM Master Log For Asset: Maggie A For Customer: LLOG Exploration

Log Date: 05/24/2017

From	Start Loc	То	End Loc	Activity Type / Customer	Duration	Remarks		
00:00	GC-390	03:00	GC-390	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:03:00	3lifts		
03:00	GC-390	04:00	GC-390	Cargo Operations / LLOG Exploration	00:01:00			
04:00	GC-390	09:45	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:05:45	Olifts		
09:45	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	24:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	00:14:15			
	Total: 24:00							

Fuel Data (C	Gallon	s)						
Beginning Balance:		18,800.00						
Total Transferred:		0.00						
Off:		0.00						
On:		0.00						
Consumed In Service:		-2,800.00						
Adjustments:		0.00						
Ending Balance:		16,000.00						
Lube Oil Data (Gallons)								
Beginning Balance:		100.00						
Total Transferred:	0.00							
Off	:	0.00						
On	:	0.00						
Consumed In Service:		0.00						
Adjustments:		0.00						
Ending Balance:		100.00						
Hydraulic Oil Da	ata (G	allons)						
Beginning Balance:		0.00						
Total Transferred:		0.00						
Off:		0.00						
On:		0.00						
Consumed In Service:		0.00						
Adjustments:		0.00						
Ending Balance:	0.00							

	Commodity Transactions										
Time	Transa	ction	Commodity		Amoun	t	Unit		Ticket # / AFE	L	ocation
16:39	Consumed in	Service	Fuel		-2,800.00		Gallons			GC-390	
			Weath	er				Running Hours			
12:00	Seas:	In Port	Winds:	10-15 Knots	Direction:	Direction: NW		En	Engine Name		Hours
	Visibility: Horizon Currents: In Port Direction:		In F	Port	ВТ	1		-			
	Conditions: Good				Swells:	In F	Port	ВТ	2		-
	•		Crew Onb	ooard				GEN 1			24.00
Captain		Jan	nes, Lester		All Day			GE	N 2		1.00
Captain		Ма	nuel, Jody	All Day	All Day		ME	ME 1		10.00	
Deckhand		Bol	t, Bruce	Bruce All Day				ME 2			10.00
Deckhand		Lec	lay, Jermey	All Day	All Day		ME	ME 3		10.00	
Deckhand		Flo	ra, Mark		All Day			ME 4			10.00
Deckhand Leblanc, Dakota					All Day				Commo	dity Tota	ls
		'			•			Co	mmodity	Amou	nt Unit



Gear Oil Data (Gallons)					
Beginning Balance:	0.00				
Total Transferred:	0.00				
Off:		0.00			
On:		0.00			
Consumed In Service:		0.00			
Adjustments:	0.00				
Ending Balance:	0.00				



Captain's Signature For the Maggie A Log Date: 5/24/2017

Location

Stone Fuel GC-390



SAMM Master Log For Asset: Maggie A For Customer: LLOG Exploration

Log Date: 05/25/2017

From	Start Loc	То	End Loc	Activity Type / Customer	Duration	Remarks	
00:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	00:30	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	00:00:30		
00:30	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	06:00	GC-390	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:05:30	w 19lifts and 5 passengers	
06:00	GC-390	09:30	GC-390	Cargo Operations / LLOG Exploration	00:03:30		
09:30	GC-390	14:30	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:05:00	w2lifts and 5 passengers	
14:30	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	24:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	00:09:30		
	Total: 24:00						

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Commodity Transactions

Amount

Fuel Data (Gallons)							
Beginning Balance:	16,000.00						
Total Transferred:		20,500.00					
Off:		0.00					
On:		20,500.00					
Consumed In Service:		-3,200.00					
Adjustments:		0.00					
Ending Balance:		33,300.00					
Lube Oil Data (Gallons)							
Beginning Balance:		100.00					
Total Transferred:	0.00						
Off	0.00						
On	:	0.00					
Consumed In Service:		0.00					
Adjustments:		0.00					
Ending Balance:		100.00					
Hydraulic Oil Da	ata (G	allons)					
Beginning Balance:		0.00					
Total Transferred:		0.00					
Off:		0.00					
On:		0.00					
Consumed In Service:		0.00					
Adjustments:		0.00					
Ending Balance:		0.00					

Time

Transaction

17:47	On Load			Fuel			20,500.00		Gallons	
17:48	Consumed in	Service	Fu	Fuel			-2,800.00		Gallons	
20:25	Consumed in	Service	Fuel -			<u> </u>	400.00		Gallons	
				Weath	er					
17:00	Seas:	In Port		Winds:	5-10 Knots	D	irection:	SW	1	
	Visibility:	Visibility: Horizon Currents: In Port		D	Direction: In		n Port			
	Conditions:	Good					Swells:		In Port	
				Crew Onl	ooard					
Captain		Jan	James, Lester				All Day			
Captain		Ма	Manuel, Jody				All Day			
Deckhand		Bol	Bolt, Bruce				All Day			
Deckhand			Leday, Jermey				All Day			
Deckhand FI				Flora, Mark				All Day		
Deckhand		Leb	Leblanc, Dakota				All Day			
Deckriand		Lec	nanc	, Dakota			All Day			

		LLOG Dock						
	R	ng Hou	ırs					
Engine Name					Hours			
ВТ	1				-			
ВТ	2				-			
GE	EN 1		4.00					
GE	N 2				24.00			
ME	1			14.00				
ME	2			14.00				
ME	3			14.00				
ME	4	14.00						
	Commodity Totals							
Commodity Amount Unit								

Ticket # / AFE

24467 / N/A

Gear Oil Data (Gallons)					
Beginning Balance:	0.00				
Total Transferred:	0.00				
Off:	0.00				
On:	0.00				
Consumed In Service:		0.00			
Adjustments:	0.00				
Ending Balance:	0.00				

Captain's Signature
For the Maggie A
Log Date: 5/25/2017



SAMM Master Log For Asset: Maggie A For Customer: LLOG Exploration

Log Date: 05/26/2017

From	Start Loc	То	End Loc	Activity Type / Customer	Duration	Remarks	
00:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	07:45	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	00:07:45		
07:45	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	12:45	GC-390	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:05:00	w 6 lifts	
12:45	GC-390	14:15	GC-390	Cargo Operations / LLOG Exploration	00:01:30		
14:15	GC-390	19:15	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Underway / LLOG Exploration	00:05:00	lite boat	
19:15	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	24:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	00:04:45		
	Total: 24:00						

Commodity Transactions						
Time	Transaction	Commodity	Amount	Unit	Ticket # / AFE	Location
20:26	Consumed in Service	Fuel	-3,200.00	Gallons		GC-390
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Fuel Data (Gallons)				
Beginning Balance:	33,300.00			
Total Transferred:	0.00			
Off:		0.00		
On:		0.00		
Consumed In Service:		-3,200.00		
Adjustments:		0.00		
Ending Balance:		30,100.00		
Lube Oil Data	(Gall	ons)		
Beginning Balance:	100.00			
Total Transferred:	0.00			
Off	0.00			
On	:	0.00		
Consumed In Service:		0.00		
Adjustments:		0.00		
Ending Balance:		100.00		
Hydraulic Oil Da	ata (G	allons)		
Beginning Balance:		0.00		
Total Transferred:		0.00		
Off:		0.00		
On:		0.00		
Consumed In Service:		0.00		
Adjustments:		0.00		
Ending Balance:		0.00		

20:26	Consumed in	Service	e Fuel			3,200.00		Gallons
			Weath	er				
20:00	Seas:	In Port	Winds:	Winds: 5-10 Knots Di			SE	
	Visibility:	Horizon	Currents:	In Port	Di	rection:	Port	
	Conditions:	Good		•		Swells:	In P	Port
			Crew Onl	ooard				
Captain			ames, Lester			All Day		
Captain			anuel, Jody			All Day		
Deckhand			olt, Bruce			All Day		
Deckhand		Led	lay, Jermey	ermey All Day				
Deckhand		Flo	ra, Mark			To 07:15		
Deckhand L			eblanc, Dakota			All Day		
Deckhand			nith, Jalklye			Fm 07:15 To 19:00		
Deckhand			ora, Mark Fm 19:00					

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Gear Oil Data (Gallons)				
Beginning Balance:	Beginning Balance:			
Total Transferred:		0.00		
Off:		0.00		
On:		0.00		
Consumed In Service:		0.00		
Adjustments:		0.00		
Ending Balance:		0.00		

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	Log Date: 5/26/2017



SAMM Master Log For Asset: Maggie A For Customer: LLOG Exploration

Log Date: 05/27/2017

From	Start Loc	То	End Loc	Activity Type / Customer	Duration	Remarks
00:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	24:00	LLOG Dock - Fourchon, LA	Standing By / LLOG Exploration	01:00:00	
			-	Total:	24:	00

Fuel Data (Gallons)						
Beginning Balance:	3	30,100.00				
Total Transferred:		0.00				
Off:		0.00				
On:		0.00				
Consumed In Service:		-75.00				
Adjustments:		0.00				
Ending Balance:	3	0,025.00				
Lube Oil Data	Lube Oil Data (Gallons)					
Beginning Balance:		100.00				
Total Transferred:		0.00				
Off		0.00				
On		0.00				
Consumed In Service:		0.00				
Adjustments:		0.00				
Ending Balance:		100.00				
Hydraulic Oil Da	ita (Gallons)					
Beginning Balance:		0.00				
Total Transferred:		0.00				
Off:		0.00				
On:		0.00				
Consumed In Service:		0.00				
Adjustments:		0.00				
Ending Balance:		0.00				

	Commodity Transactions										
Time	Transa	ction	Com	modity	Amoun	it	Unit		Ticket # / AFE		cation
22:53	Consumed in	Service	Fuel		-75.00		Gallons		GC-390		
			Weath	er					Runni	ng Hours	
12:00	Seas:	In Port	Winds:	10-15 Knots	Direction:	SE		En	gine Name		Hours
	Visibility:	Horizon	Currents:	In Port	Direction:	In F	Port	ВТ	BT 1		-
	Conditions:	Good	•		Swells:	Swells: In Port		ВТ	BT 2		-
	Crew Onboard							GE	EN 1		-
Captain		Jam	es, Lester		All Day			GE	EN 2		24.00
Captain		Mar	uel, Jody		All Day			ME	1		-
Deckhand		Bolt	, Bruce		All Day			ME	2		-
Deckhand		Led	ay, Jermey		All Day			ME	3		-
Deckhand	Deckhand Leblanc, Dakota All Day				ME	4		-			
Deckhand		Flor	a, Mark		All Day				Commo	dity Totals	
								Co	mmodity	Amoun	Unit

Gear Oil Data (Gallons)				
Beginning Balance:	Beginning Balance:			
Total Transferred:		0.00		
Off:		0.00		
On:		0.00		
Consumed In Service:		0.00		
Adjustments:		0.00		
Ending Balance:		0.00		

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7	Log Date: 5/27/2017

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- Pretending to be injured or ill to avoid having to perform assigned duties.
- Neglecting shipboard duties and responsibilities so another shipmate must perform those duties.
- The destruction or tampering of Company, customer or another employee's property at any time.
- Sleeping on watch or sleeping when otherwise on duty.



2.8 Violation of Company Policy

Company policy is to maintain a workplace that is safe for all employees, to obey all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Any employees that refuse to comply with the Company safety and pollution standards, applicable law; rules, regulations or lawful orders are subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment. One or more of the following can be used to discipline all vessel employees:

- Verbal or written reprimand
- Restriction or confinement to quarters
- Reduction in Rank
- Loss of Safety Incentive Bonus
- Reduction of wages
- Suspension of employment
- Termination of employment

2.9 Disciplinary Action

Restriction or confinement to quarters while at sea is the most forceful disciplinary action the Company authorizes the Master. He may only exercise this option if a member of the crew is deemed to be dangerous to him and creates or poses a danger to others on the vessel. In such case, the home office should be notified immediately.

Should the vessel be dockside, the Master should contact the home office immediately (via landline) to arrange for discharge and transportation should a situation dictate these actions.

Most disciplinary actions are to start with a verbal warning should a situation dictate counseling. No employee can know that expectations are not being met, unless told so by their supervisor.

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Written communication (e-mail or other means) to the home office is required when an employee has received verbal counseling, but continues to disregard or acknowledge problems. The employee should be allowed to read any disciplinary action communication to shore base management, but does not have to agree or sign it to be valid.

2.10 Termination and Reduction in Pay

The Personnel Department and the Operations Department of the Company shall determine and approve the following disciplinary actions:

- Reduction in pay, loss of safety bonus
- Suspension
- Reduction of rank
- Termination of employment

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1.0 Purpose

To describe the responsibilities and authorities of the vessel Master



2.0 Guidelines

The vessel may have, in addition to the person assigned to that vessel as Master, an additional licensed Captain aboard the vessel. In the case of more than one licensed Captain aboard the vessel, one will be assigned the duties of Master and the other will be assigned the duties of Mate. Only one person aboard the vessel may fill the position of Master at any particular time.

2.1 Master's Authority

The Master shall have the <u>OVERRIDING AUTHORITY</u> and <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> to make decisions with respect to safety and pollution prevention conditions or activities. Nothing stated in any agreement, contractual or otherwise, shall reduce this authority.

The Master will set a high standard of personal, professional conduct to provide leadership onboard the vessel.

2.2 Master's Responsibility

In command of the vessel, the Senior Master's responsibilities include:

Safely operating, managing and maintaining the vessel per all instructions contained in this manual and other related documents of this Safety and Environmental Management System.

The safety and well being of the vessel, her crew and all others aboard at any time.

Enforcing the Safety and Environmental policies of the Company while onboard, and administering the Safety and Environmental Management System.

Motivating the crew in regard to compliance with the Policies of the Company and the requirements of the Safety and Environmental Management System.

Issuing all lawful orders in a clear and simple manner.

Verifying compliance with all Federal, State, and Local Laws, and Customer, rules regulations and guidelines.

Verifying compliance with all requirements of the Safety and Environmental Management System.

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Reviewing the Safety and Environmental Management System and reporting all deficiencies to shore-based management in a timely manner.

Knowing the contents of this manual and ensuring that all members of the crew know and adhere to policies set forth in this manual.

The Safe and Economical navigation of the vessel at all times.

The Oversight with regard to vessel maintenance.

Monitoring the condition of stability of the vessel at all times.

Standing a navigation watch.

Setting the STCW Compliant watch schedule.

Acting as the vessel's safety and security officer.

Maintaining good crew morale and customer relations.

Maintaining and keeping custody of all required original ship's documentation, certificates, records and files.

Ensuring oncoming personnel have all required documents, licenses and endorsements for the job they are assigned.

Ensuring those personnel new to the vessel complete a proper orientation upon arrival.

Keeping and reviewing log books/records for accuracy and completion, maintaining the Masters Handover File.

Ensuring life saving and firefighting equipment are in good working order and inspected at required intervals.

Maintaining the readiness of the entire crew to ensure all personnel are trained and prepared should an emergency situation arise.

Fulfilling any requirements of the charter agreement (not withstanding your OVERRIDING AUTHORITY as previously explained).

(NOTE:) The Master in the most secure method will forward any questions or concerns relating to issues of the vessels charter or Charterer, to the home office for resolution.

2.3 Implementation Responsibilities

The vessel Master is responsible for implementing the Company's Safety and Environmental Policies onboard. As a result, all personnel should have an adequate understanding of these policies and have read any relevant procedures.

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The Safety and Environmental Policies are to be posted in all public areas aboard each vessel.

2.4 Safety Management Compliance

The Master is responsible for making sure the crew is in compliance with this Safety and Environmental Management System. Such verification activity includes area inspections, review of logs/records and direct observation of activity.

2.5 Motivation

The Master may best motivate others to follow the Company's Safety and Environmental Polices by setting a positive example. The reduction of accidents that result in personnel injury or damage to the environment benefits everyone. He may use the Weekly Safety and Environmental meeting as the venue to provide such guidance and training.

2.6 Management Review of the Safety and Environmental Management System

The Master is required to review the Safety and Environmental Management System periodically to ensure that the system works as designed. At periods not to exceed 12 months, he is asked to formally review the system using the Master's Management Review form. The Master will take the necessary time to review the system and turn in the annual report in a timely manner. This report will help the home office make any necessary changes that may be needed to the Safety and Environmental Management System while considering any outstanding issues the Master may have.

2.7 Conflict and Shore-Based Support

Periodically, work-related conflicts arise between the charterer of our vessels (our customers) and vessel officers, over the nature of an activity and how such activity may impact the safety of the vessel and crew, or the environment.

Should such a conflict arise, the Senior Master should consider the following as guidance:

- Reason with the customer's representative, supporting your view with facts (where possible)
- Consider alternative methods or time frames to accomplish the task or job in question.

If unsatisfied, contact the home office for guidance. If Company management

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Root Cause Analysis Form

	DATA COLLECTION (Procedures and	Documents)
123	Check the applicable boxes and provide comment where necessary. Copies of	any applicable documents should be obtained.
X	ITEM	COMMENT
Χ	Incident reports	Received
х	Medical reports	
	Navigational charts	
	Rough log records	
	Maintenance records	
X	Risk assessment records (JSA verified)	Received
X	Training records verified (previous safety meetings, etc.)	Attached to initial email
	Vessel orientation form	
	Policies & Procedures (what is available? Used?)	
	Proper permits? (Hot work, Confined Space, Permit to work, etc)	
	MSDS?	
	Other	
	DATA COLLECTION (People	e)
	The checklist below provides guidance on common people related in	formation that should be retrieved.
X	ITEM	COMMENT
X	Witness statements	Received
	Drug & Alcohol test(s)	
	Relevant physical limitations or health issues	
	Relevant medications	
	Any similar incidents / near misses? (All Employee's? Vessel?)	
X	Days on hitch (injured employee)	9.5 DAYS
X	Hours on watch (injured employee)	7 HRS.
	SSE?	
	Other	
	DATA COLLECTION (Environn	
	The checklist below provides guidance on common environmental relate	
X	ITEM	COMMENT
X	Weather information (sea state, temp, rain, wind)	Wind 10 KT - 300° Current 1KT - 310°
X	Workplace information (time of day, location)	0700 - Back Deck / GC 390
X	Any housekeeping issues involved?	Deckload of Cargo
	Any surrounding noises present?	
	Light conditions?	
	Were toxic gases, dust, or fumes present?	
	Other	
	DATA COLLECTION (Equipme	
	The checklist below provides guidance on common equipment related	information that should be retrieved.
X	ITEM	
·	Inspect equipment for condition	1 00 11 5
X	Is this the right equipment for the job?	Larger Stinger added after Incident
	Qualifications of equipment operators	- u .g
X	Right PPE for the job?	Fully outfitted.
_	Operating history	
	Other	

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Lessons Learned Form

Date Vessel Incident Type Personal

Description of Incident / Accident / Near Miss

As per Captain Lester James - While hooking to cargo, Mark had the his hand on the stinger and the boat went up on a wave. The headache ball hit Mark on the hard hat then the shoulder and then on his foot causing Mark to fall to the deck. Mark got up and went to forward deck area. The headache ball was caught on the cargo rail when the wave made the ball fall.

	Probable Cause	Headache ball caught on cargo rail
1	Contributing Factor	Vessel went up on a swell.
Preventive Measure		Give all stop signal to crane operator.
	Probable Cause	Headache ball hit deckhand on hardhat and shoulder and foot.
2		Deckhand in blind spot (between cargo box and port blower box).
		Deckhand needs to be in visible atrea during Rigging / Cargo Ops.
	Probable Cause	Sea Conditions
3	Contributing Factor	6 to 7 ft swell
	Preventive Measure	Use Stop Work Authority is elevated sea conditions

Lessons Learned:

Prepared By	Randy Whittaker	Date	27-May-17	

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Root Cause Analysis Form

Incident Summary Sheet

Incident Type: Rigging / Cargo Ops Classification: Minor Injury

<u>Vessel Name</u> <u>Maggie A</u> <u>Vessel Master</u> Lester James <u>Officer on Watch</u> Lester James

Name: Lester James Company: **Gulf Logistics** Captain Deckhand Witnesses Name: **Bruce Bolt** Company: **Gulf Logistics** Title: Name: Mark Flora Company: **Gulf Logistics** Title: Deckhand

Person or Equipment Involved: RAM Level Assigned (include names of all in discussion)

M/V Mr Jake 2 Randy Whittaker

Description of Incident:

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Conditions at Time of Incident:

Clear visability, 6 -7 ft swell, 10 kt wind, 1 kt current

Time, Date, & Location of Incident:

0700 hrs. 5-25-17 GC 390 West Neptune

Incident Investigation Summary Performed By: Randy Whittaker

Attachments

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2.3 Personal Injury or Illness Reports

Injuries are reported and investigated to allow management to identify and correct the causes of any incident. The goal of this investigation is to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident.

Illnesses are reported and are further investigated when management considers a further investigation required. Illnesses are not normally subject to the review and corrective action process.

Investigation also provides information required by underwriters, state law, and federal law.

In all injuries or illnesses, the appropriate completed forms along with completed statement forms from <u>all crewmembers</u> need to be forwarded to the office as soon as possible.

<u>All Injuries</u> that are reported to the Master, but were not witnessed, will still require a Personal Injury Report with witness statements. The Statement form should be noted, "Not witnessed" on the form.

All reports to the USCG or Company must be fully completed. The home office relies on these forms from the vessel to complete any additional reports that are required following a serious marine incident.

When a personnel injury is reported the Designated Person conducts an investigation as rapidly as practical.

The Designated Person may require the Master conduct a portion of the investigation.

This investigation may include the following steps.

- Post Accident Ledger
- Drug Screen of vessel crew when required by law or desired by management.
- A Drug Screen of the injured person when required by law or desired by management
- Completion of Form 2692 when required
- Crew interviews conducted and crew statements recorded
- Witness Statements completed
- Post Accident Ledger completed
- Corrective action determined, applied, and verified
- Management Review and Lessons Learned completed

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Corrective Action

The Master has the overriding authority and the responsibility to act to stabilize the situation and to correct any situation or condition that could jeopardize life, health, the environment, or company property.

Upon completion of the investigation and review by the Designated Person and the Operations Manager, immediate corrective action may be prescribed. This corrective action is transmitted by memo to the fleet with an acknowledgement receipt.

If no corrective action is required, then at the monthly Safety Meeting management will review the investigative report and determine corrective actions that may be necessary. This corrective action is transmitted to the fleet as "Lessons Learned".

These "Lessons Learned" are then reviewed in the next vessel Safety Meeting. This on board review is documented in the Safety Meeting Form.

Accident Investigation Method

The goal of an injury investigation is to prevent further injuries through the use of the knowledge derived from the investigation. Additionally, the reports are critical in establishing liability or lack of it under the law.

When an employee is injured at work, the supervisor (in most cases the vessel Master) is responsible for the taking emergency action to have first aid administered, for obtaining medical attention as soon as possible, for protecting other employees and equipment, and investigating the circumstances of the injury. The following have found to be effective when investigating an injury.

- Go to the scene at once.
- Talk with the injured person if at all possible. Talk to witnesses. Stress getting the facts.
- Listen for clues in the conversations around you. Unsolicited comments often have merit.
- Encourage all to share their ideas for preventing a similar occurrence.
- Confer with all interested persons about possible solutions.
- Write you accident report giving complete, accurate accounts of the incident.
- Follow up to make sure that conditions are corrected.
- Publicize corrective action so that all may benefit from the experience.

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2.6 Effective Injury Reports

<u>All accidents</u> must be reported, no matter how minor. Reporting an accident does not make it a Recordable injury!

In order for the Injury Investigation to be effective it must contain at a minimum the following information:

- What the employee was doing.
- What happened, in detail, complete reports
- What the cause of the incident was.
- What can be done to prevent a similar incident from reoccurrence?

2.7 Injury Classifications

This system classifies injuries into three categories, **Lost Time Accidents**, **Recordable**, and **First Aid**. Outlined below is the criteria used to classify these incidences. The following guidelines should be followed for the purposes of record keeping and to determine proper injury classification.

2.8 First Aid Incidences

Any time a physician or emergency medical technician must provide basic first aid treatment, which is a considered one-time action with continued observation by the injured party. Any onboard treatment by vessel personnel with band-aids or small bandages will be looked at for seriousness and may be treated as a first aid incident.

2.9 Recordable Injury

An injury can become Recordable when the injuries received require more than simple first aid. Accidents will be classified as Recordable when medical treatment situations involve any of the following:

- Loss of consciousness, a positive x-ray that confirms a fracture, or removal of a foreign body imbedded in the eye.
- When skilled medical services of a physician, which prescribes medication or therapy requiring a return visit for the same condition resulting from the accident. (Except for a single dose administered during the first visit)
- When surgery or sutures are applicable to remedy injuries caused by the accident, or admission to the hospital.

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1.0 Purpose

To describe the process of Injury Reporting, Investigation and Corrective Action



2.0 Guidelines

2.1 General

A personal injury is any physical harm, no matter how slight, that occurs on a Company Location.

A personal illness is any sickness or disease or incapacity caused by a medical condition while the person is present on a company location.

Both Illnesses and Injuries are reported by the vessel Master on the Personal Illness or Injury Report

It is the policy of Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc. that all injuries are to be reported and investigated for cause. The cause, as determined by the investigation, is to be corrected.

It is the policy of Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc. that all illnesses are to be reported. Illness is only investigated only when management considers it necessary.

2.2 Considerations for the Master

In the event of a serious marine incident or casualty, the Master should consider the following:

Do not discuss a serious injury or casualty with anyone. A Company representative will arrange all authorized interviews, if and when needed. This applies to all Company employees.

Never discuss or assess blame when completing any verbal or written report of an injury, or casualty. Any verbal statements can be overheard and any written reports can be subpoenaed, which could jeopardize any legal position the Company may have.

In any serious situation fault will be determined by due legal process, if necessary.

Inform the shore base immediately after the situation is stabilized. Give the extent of the injury and the circumstances concerned. Communicate with the shore base by any prudent means.

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1.0 Purpose

To describe the Master's Review of the Safety and Environmental Management System

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2.0 Guidelines

2.1 Master's Management Review

The Master's Review of the Safety and Environmental Management System is performed aboard each vessel at least once at periods not to exceed 12 months. This Review is scheduled by the Designated Person and is completed by the Master on duty at the time of the scheduled review. The completed Review is forwarded to the Designated Person. Company management will review all deficiencies and plan corrective action where deemed necessary.

The Master will use the Management Review form described in this manual to conduct the Review. The form contains complete instructions for performing the Review. Should any additional instructions be necessary they will appear on the acknowledgement letter forwarded from the home office. This form is used by the Document Controller to ensure control of documentation relevant to this Safety and Environmental Management System.

Corrective actions will be assigned to target any areas of concern after the review is completed and turned into the Designated Person.

The Review will be returned to each vessel. The Company will keep a copy of each annual review on file.

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1. Safety and Environmental Meetings: <u>Review Topics</u>
Corrective Actions Required or Suggestions for Improvement
Overall effectiveness
1. The Master is to review the vessel file of Weekly Safety Meeting Reports and check off the following items:
Y N The vessel has a complete file of weekly Safety Meeting Reports onboard, signed by all crew attending. (52 weeks)
Y N All required weekly Safety Meetings have been held.
Y N The topics used were important to vessel operations and concerns.
Y N Monthly Lessons Learned were reviewed with crewmembers.
Y N A Job Safety Analysis has been completed for all major operations.
Y N Can JSA's be reviewed before beginning an operation? Y N Are Job Safety Analysis completed for critical tasks?
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The purpose of this Master's Review of the Weekly Safety Meeting Reports is to make sure that all important topics have been covered that relate to the jobs or tasks the vessel and personnel performs, that JSA's have been completed for all routine and hazardous operations. To ensure the Weekly Safety and Environmental Meeting is serving its purpose as part of the Safety and Accident Prevention Program and Training Record.
The Master should describe any support and any changes that need to be made to this part
of the Safety and Environmental Management System.

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2. Pollution Prevention
Corrective Actions Required or Suggestions for Improvement
Overall effectiveness
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2. The Master is to review Pollution Prevention and check off the following items.
Y N Was Pollution Prevention reviewed weekly as part of each meeting to address various pollution aspects?
Y N Are the fuel transfer procedures followed before any transfer?
Y \(\bigcap \) Are the oily waste handling procedures used before any transfer?
Y N Are waste management procedures followed as per MARPOL?
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Y N Has this vessel had any pollution incidents of <u>any type</u> , spills, hazardous
materials, or improper waste management incidents, in the previous year?
The purpose of the Master's review of the Pollution Prevention Planning reports is to
make sure that all needed topics are covered in the weekly meetings and that pollution
prevention planning has been completed for all vessel operations that have the potential
for an adverse effect on the environment. Each vessel's Pollution Prevention Planning
and the effectiveness of all contingency plans should be reviewed for effectiveness. The
Master should include an opinion on the effectiveness of the pollution prevention and
describe any changes that may need to be made.

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3.Review of a	ıll Accident/Injury/Near Miss reports:
List Dates and	d Occurrence (Accident, Injury, Near Miss)
Corrective Ac	etions Required or Suggestions for Improvement
Overall effect	tiveness
The Master is following iter	to review the file of Accident/Near Miss/Injury Reports and check off the ms.
Y N	Does the Vessel have a complete, easily accessible file of Accident/Near Miss and Injury reports?
Y N	Have these reports generated Job Safety Analysis and Safety Meeting in all appropriate cases?
Y N N Y N N N	Was each accident report was sent to the Safety Department onshore. Were all Accidents/Injuries/Pollution incidences reported?

The Master should review the Accident, Injury and Near Miss file to determine the success of the Vessel Safety program. Each Accident, Injury or Near Miss Report should generate, at a very minimum, some type of on board corrective actions to prevent recurrence. Should your vessel have a reoccurring problem, note also in the appropriate section. Please describe those Corrective Actions that have been put into place to prevent reoccurrence.

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4.	Review all USCG Inspections/ABS Surveys/Boarding
Correct	tive Actions Required or Suggestions for Improvement
Conce	rve Actions Required of Suggestions for improvement
	aster is to review any U.S.C.G/ABS Inspection, Survey or Port State Boarding s to make sure there are no <u>outstanding</u> items that need correction.
Y N Y N Y N	Does the vessel have any outstanding ABS survey findings?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, the Master should include the planned closure of these items. If additional materials or technical support may be required to close any action item, then the Master should state so in this report and give the details.

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5. Review all Internal and External Audit findings and observations
Corrective Actions Required or Suggestions for Improvement
Overall effectiveness

The Master is to review all audit reports to ensure that all Nonconformities and Observations have been addressed and corrected.

The Master of each vessel should review the audit findings from any audit either <u>internal</u> or <u>external</u>. The Master should describe corrective action plans for closing any outstanding items. Conditions that will prevent the recurrence of any audit deficiencies should also be described. Any needed technical expertise or logistical support that may be required should be requested.

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6. Have all assigned Corrective Actions been completed and effective?
Note any ineffective, incomplete, or inappropriate corrective actions and include suggestions for improvement
The Master is to review any Corrective Actions required by the vessel or any Corrective Actions that have been assigned.
Y N Has the vessel requested any Corrective Actions? Y N Has the response to Corrective Action requests has been timely and sufficient? Y N Are all assigned Corrective Actions complete and deemed effective?

The Master of the vessel should describe any outstanding requests for Corrective Action, how long they have been outstanding, and what progress if any has been made toward their implementation. The Master should further describe any improvement in Corrective Action procedures that the Master considers necessary to improve the effectiveness of this Safety and Environmental Management System.

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7. (Element to be reviewed will be placed here)
Review the element of the system assigned above.
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The Master is to review the section of the system in detail that has been assigned to the vessel below.

The element of the system	to be reviewed	and the details	of that element	assigned
by the Designated Person.				
(To be assigned annually)	

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8. Overall Review of Vessel Safety and Environmental Management System

The Master shall report on the functioning of the system aboard the vessel, with a particular emphasis on reports of nonconformity, any unfulfilled material needs, corrective action requests, and other matters that the Master considers important to Accident or Pollution Prevention. Please take the required time to complete this review to completely assess the Safety and Environmental Management System onboard your vessel.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

MARK FLORA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	C.A. NO. 4:19-CV-2328
	§	
TRANSOCEAN DRILLING (USA),	§	
INC., ET AL.	§	

GULF LOGISTICS OPERATING, LLC'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION

NOW COMES, through undersigned counsel, Defendant, Gulf Logistics Operating, Inc. ("GLO"), who serves the following objections to Plaintiff's Notice of Oral and Videotaped Depositions of Gulf Logistics Operating, LLC's Corporate Representative in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as follows:

OBJECTIONS TO EXHIBIT A

- 1. Your factual contentions as to the cause of the Incident, what happened leading up to and during the Incident, and what happened in response to the Incident.
- 2. Policies, procedures, and safety guidelines concerning the navigation and operation of the Maggie A and/or West Neptune.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

3. Policies, procedures, and safety guidelines concerning the use or nonuse of communication devices when operating vessels and/or drill ships.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P

- 4. Records reflecting the ownership, purchase, maintenance, repair, and service of the crane, headache ball stringer, and D hook involved in the cargo transfer that injured Plaintiff.
- 5. Documents reflecting the dimensions and types of cranes, headache balls, stringers, and D hooks available on the Maggie A and/or West Neptune on the day of the Incident.
- 6. Documents reflecting the types of cranes, headache balls, stringers, and D hooks that Defendant had purchased within 5 years of the Incident.
- 7. Records reflecting the persons and entities responsible for loading the cargo on the Maggie A that was transported to the West Neptune.
- 8. Records reflecting the ownership, purchase, maintenance, repair, and service of the equipment used to load the cargo on the Maggie A that was transported to the West Neptune headache ball, stringer, and D hook involved in the cargo transfer that injured Plaintiff.
- 9. Conditions at the drillship and vessel at the time of the Incident.
- 10. Dealings and communications with the Plaintiff and/or Defendants concerning the Incident, including but not limited to investigation and root cause analysis.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

11. Your factual contentions as to Plaintiff's alleged injuries, including but not limited to any factual contentions that Plaintiff was not injured, is faking his injury, and/or that his injury is wholly the result of a pre-existing condition.

RESPONSE:

Objection: calls for expert opinion from a witness not qualified to render same.

- 12. The historical condition and maintenance of the crane, headache ball, stringer, and other equipment involved in transporting the containers between the Maggie A and West Neptune.
- 13. Complaints regarding the condition and maintenance of the vessels and its equipment, including but not limited to complaints from contractors, and workers.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad, not proportionate to the needs of the case and as phrased could include information that is outside the scope of permissible discovery encompassing information that is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Defendant further objects to the extent that the topic requested lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

14. Facts and circumstances regarding other injuries aboard the Maggie A and West Neptune.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad, not proportionate to the needs of the case and as phrased could include information that is outside the scope of permissible discovery encompassing information that is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Defendant further objects to the extent that the topic requested lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

15. Who was on the vessels (or supervising the vessels) at the time of the Incident from one month before the Incident and one month following the Incident, what they were doing and did, what they should have been doing, and their job duties and descriptions.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad, not proportionate to the needs of the case and as phrased could include information that is outside the scope of permissible discovery encompassing information that is not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Defendant further objects to the extent that the topic requested lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

16. Your policies and procedures governing the work going on at the time of the Incident, as well as governing the work being performed on the vessels.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

17. Your discovery responses, and interpretation of the documents produced.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P.

- 18. All agreements, written or otherwise, governing the work at the platform at the time of the Incident.
- 19. Your relationship with the other parties to this lawsuit.
- 20. The existence or non-existence of documents supporting Your factual contentions.

RESPONSE:

Objection: overly broad and lacks the reasonable particularity requirement under the F.R.C.P. Defendant further objects to the extent Plaintiff seeks to alter the burden of proof that exists by law.

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above and foregoing instrument has this day been served on all parties through their counsel of record in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

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Incident Report
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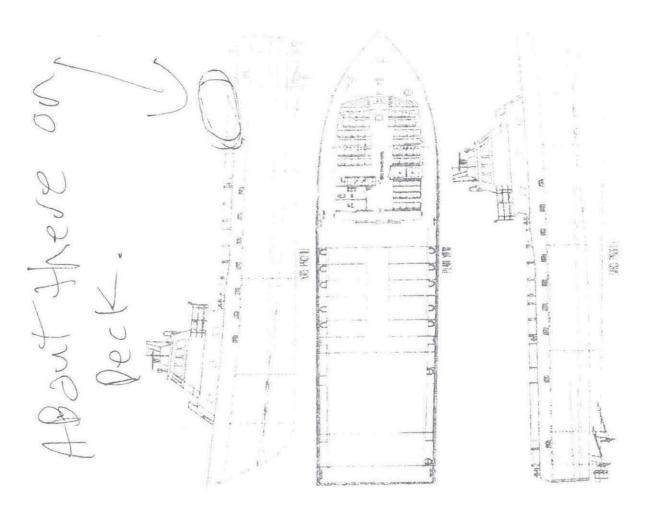
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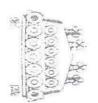
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Vessel Damage

(if applicable, locate the areas of the vessel damaged during this incident)





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Incident Reporting Program

<u>Objective:</u> The purpose of this program is to provide uniform and consistent procedures for the reporting of all incidents. Timely reporting of all incidents ensures that LLOG management is notified and that regulatory reporting requirements are met. Investigations (when required) can be initiated promptly.

<u>Scope:</u> This program applies to all LLOG oil and gas operations including drilling, production, and construction both onshore and offshore. Immediate notification and the initial incident report are a requirements of this program for all operations.

<u>Forward:</u> LLOG must be notified of all incidents. LLOG recognizes that its contractors have safety programs and incident reporting procedures. LLOG, as the operator, has special responsibility for reporting to government agencies on incidents that occur on its properties. The LLOG incident forms may be used for this purpose. This may be in addition to contractor incident reporting forms.

General requirements: All personnel onboard LLOG owned or operated facilities are to report all incidents (injuries, illnesses, near misses, property damage, spills, fires, etc.) to the person-in-charge and their supervisor without delay. Failure to comply with this requirement or falsifying company documents may lead to disciplinary action up and including termination. The supervisor/person in charge is to see that the appropriate incident report is filled out and emailed to the LLOG Operations Manager and the LLOG Safety Department.

<u>Patient Care:</u> For injuries or illnesses patient care is of primary importance. The injury or illness should be assessed on the facility. Transportation, if needed, is to be secured as soon as possible. The employee's company is to be notified any time an employee leaves the facility for medical attention. Depending on the severity of the case, the injured/ill individual may need to be escorted by someone who can look after his/her needs. A representative of the employee's company should meet the individual at the dock, heliport, or hospital and allow the escort to return to the facility.

Agency Notification: A separate excel file "Regulatory Reporting Requirements" details the reporting requirements of MMS and USCG. It contains a guide for the regulatory requirements and forms that can be used to document the oral or written notification. Each department (drilling, production, and construct) has its own regulatory reporting protocol. For drilling, immediate oral notification is the responsibility of the on duty Drilling Foreman; for production and construction oral notification is made by the Production Superintendent. Ensuring that the follow up written report is submitted in the allotted time is the responsibility of the Safety Department.

Investigations: The first duty of operating personnel is to protect the evidence. With due regard to personnel safety, the incident scene should be preserved so that a subsequent investigation can be conducted. The purpose of the investigation is not to find fault, but to review what happened, why it happened, and how it can be prevented. Managmenet system failures should also be included in the report. Information gained from the investigation can be used to update procedures, correct unsafe acts or unsafe conditions with the goal of improving operations. Lessons learned from the investigation can be disseminated to all facilities through safety communiques which will heighten safety awareness and help prevent recurrence of that type of event. The decision to initiate a post accident LLOG investigation will be made by the appropriate operations manager. The manager will select the investigation team. Investigations may be conducted by contractors whose personnel, equipment or facilities were involved in the incident after approval by the LLOG operations manager.

<u>Return to work:</u> Anyone who leaves the facility for medical treatment (injury or illness) and is to return during the hitch or normal work schedule must present a work release prior to returning to the LLOG facility. If the person goes in for medical attention, but does not report back to that facility during the hitch/work schedule, the work release is the responsibility of the employer.

Incident classification: For recordkeeping purposes incidents will be classified as Lost Time, Restricted Work Case, Job Transfer, Other Recordable, First Aid, etc. The classification will be determined by the employer. LLOG will use this information in reports to its management and to report to government \$\cdot\00266\$

Instructions					
Forms	Link	Description			
Injury or Illness	Injury or Illness'!A1	A report to be used for all injuries and illnesses. This is the Supervisor's First Report of Injury or Illness, if there is to be an investigation, use the Incident Investigation form.			
Near Miss	Near Miss'!A1	A near miss report is used for an incident that does not result in injury, property damage, or environmental damage, but which could have caused serious consequences under different circumstances.			
Property Damage	Property Damage'!A1	The property damage form is to be used for damage or loss because of fire; explosion; blowout; collision; material lost overboard; crane incident; hurricane, wind, or lightening damage.			
Investigation	Investigation!A1	The Incident Investigation form can be used as a tool to investigate any of the above reported incidents. The operations manager or superintendent will determine which incidents need to be investigated and name members of the investigation team.			
Action Items	Action Items'!A1	This form is used to document completion of action items that were identified in the investigation. The Action Item form 1) identifies items to be corrected or implemented, 2) names a reponsible person for each item, and 3) indicates the completion date for each item.			
	Using the Forms				
Retrieving Form	Each report is an a congrete cheet in this excel file. To retrieve a form you can coloct the link above				
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Incident Report Distribution

The Incident Reports will be distributed by email per department guidelines: Drilling will post in the Rig Report Folder; Production will email report to Production Superintendent; and Construction will email reports to the supervising Facility Engineer. The Safety Manager will be copied on all incident reports.

Incident Investigation reports will typically be sent directly to the Department/Project Manager and the Safety Manger.

A copy of the Incident Report will be filed on the facility.

Personnel are not given a copy of the incident report. They can request a copy from LLOG Safety Dept.

The original LLOG incident reports along with copys all contractor generated incident reports will be forwarded to the LLOG Safety Department.

Agency Notification

See Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Incident Notifications required by Federal Agencies.

MMS has incident reporting requirements. They are both immediate oral and written follow up reports required. The Regulatory Reporting Requirements file has a sheet with the reporting requirements and an oral report form.

The Coast Guard requires that a USCG 2692 be submitted for all marine causalties. This form is typically filled out by the vessel or drilling rig. LLOG will be responsible to ensure that a report is filled out and sent to the USCG. Forward a copy of this form with the LLOG Incident Report. Copies of form 2692 and 2692B are on separate sheets in the Regulatory Reporting Requirements file.



Supervisor's First Report of Incident Personnel Injury / Illness Report

Enter Information is spaces provided, attach additional sheet if necessary																		
Facility Name	Facility Location				OCS Lease & Well #			Date of Incident		Time of Incident								
Seadrill West Neptune	GC 390				OC	CS-G 35865 5/2			5/17	7:00								
Injured/III Person's Name (first, middle initial, and last)						Date of Birth			Date of Employment									
Mark Flora					NA				NA									
Pe	rson's Ad	dress (Sti	reet Addre	ess, City, S	State, and Zip)			Telephone No.										
NA										NA								
Person's Job Title Employer Employer Contact Co								Con	tact Phone#									
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Industry Experience								Hrs. W	Hrs. Worked this Date									
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								Drilling										
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The crane operator state	ed that the	e deck ha	nds had	removed	the taglin	es and w												
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hand knocking his hard																		
Employee stated he doe																		
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Comments:																		
Was Employee sent in for Medical Treatment prior to Crew Change? (yes or no) No																		
										If yes, where?								
Sign-off (sign-off to indicate your participation in this initial incident report)																		
Print Name				liai iriciueri	t report)													
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Employee			Name	iai iricideri	т героп)	Signa	ature			Date								
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		Print l Mark	Name Flora James							Date /45/201517cean								



Near Miss Report

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Ente	er Information is	spaces provided	l, attach additional sheet	if necessary	
Facility Name	Facility	Location	Date of Incident	Time of Incident	
Weather Conditions at T	imo of Incident	Wind I	Direction / Speed	Soa Condition	s (ht/direction)
Weather Conditions at 1	inie of incluent	vviiid L	onection / Speed	Sea Conditions	s (illudifection)
Describe Work Activit	y Prior to the Ne	ar Miss		Operation in Pro	ogress
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Incident Description					
Describe Potential for	Injury				
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List contributing cause	es including Man	lagement Syster	n ialiures		
List Immedicate Action	n/s Taken				
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Team Member	ĺ .		ation in this initial incident repo	(rt)	Data
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Property Damage Report

Enter Information is spaces provided, attach additional sheet if necessary										
Facility Name Facility Location				OCS Lease & Well # Da		Date of	Incident	Time of Incident		
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	Fire		Collisio	on		Material Over	board	Crane Related		Related
	Explosion		Well B	lowout		Hurricane			Equip	ment Failure
	Lightning		Windst	torm		Other (specify	/)			
				I	Personn	el Safety				
Did in	Did incident involve injury to Yes No For personnel injury, fill out									
perso	nnel?				162		For personnel injury, fill ou Supervisor's First Report of Inc			
Has fa	acility been secu	red?			Yes	□ No	Super	VISOR'S F	-ırst Kep	ort of incident.
Desci	ription of damag	e - List n	najor item	ns lost,	damage	d or destroyed:				
	e Debris -			<u> </u>		,				
Descr	Describe causes of property damage:									
Descr	ribe any correctiv	ve action	ns taken c	or recor	nmende	d:				
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Estim	ated cost of loss	s: (descr	ibe as ne	eded)						
		If addition	nal correc	tive acti	ions are r	equired, initiate a	n <i>Action</i>	Item List		
Witnesses										
	Name		Title		(Company			Sign Off	
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Incident Investigation

Enter Information is spaces provided, attach additional sheet if necessary							
Facility Name	Facility Location	Name of Inci	dent Date of Incident	Time of Incident			
Provide detailed expla	anation of how the injured	d/ill person described the	e incident:	•			
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List probable causes	of the incident:						
List contributing cause	es including Managemen	t System failures:					
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Recommendations to	prevent recurrence of th	is type of event:					
If addition:	al corrective actions are req	uired initiate an <i>Incident I</i> .	nvestigation Action Item I	iet			
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Incident Investigation Action Items

Enter Ir	nformation in spaces provid	led, attach additional shee	t if necessary	
Facility Name	Facility Location	Name of Incident	Date of Incident	Time of Incident
Action Item 1:			Responsi	ble Person
			Date Co	mpleted
			Sign	n-off
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Action Item 2:			Responsi	ole Person
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			Date Co	mpleted
			Sigi	n-off
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Action Item 3:			Responsi	ble Person
			Date Co	mpleted
			Sig	n-off
Action Item 4:			Responsil	ble Person
			Date Co	ompleted
			Date Co	inpleted
			Sigi	n-off
Action Item 5:			Responsil	ble Person
			Date Co	mpleted
			Sign	n-off
	Final Ack	nowledgement		
Name	Title	Company	Sign - O	ff
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